

Animals at school policy

Background:

The school has an obligation to ensure '**ANIMALS**' (insects, reptiles, fish, birds, mice and larger mammals) are well cared for when they are kept or brought to school.

Guidelines:

1. No pain, distress or harm will be caused to any animal used by teachers or pupils.
2. Animals must be maintained and used in strict compliance with all laws, regulations and local by-laws.
3. No protected or endangered species will be used for any purpose.
4. Animals must correctly be cared for in relation to housing, security, food, water and appropriate environment conditions.
5. Proper provision must be made for the care of animals during weekends and holidays.
6. Students looking after animals must receive appropriate training for the task.
7. Stray dogs or cats entering school grounds during school hours will be collected by **DOG RANGER**.
8. Animals being brought to school for reasons other than specific curriculum or learning related experiences must have prior approval from the Principal.