Mullauna Secondary College
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DOGS AT MULLAUNA SECONDARY COLLEGE

@ 22 July 2026

Help for non-English speakers

If you need help to understand the information in this policy, please contact Mullauna Secondary College general office

PURPOSE

To explain to our school community the rules and procedures we have in place in relation to dogs attending our school grounds.

SCOPE

This policy applies to pet and stray dogs on school grounds and at school events. For policy information on wellbeing and engagement animals, refer to the department's Wellbeing and Engagement Animals policy on PAL.

POLICY

Pet dogs

A pet dog is defined as any dog that is privately owned in the community for companionship reasons, rather than as a support function that requires specific skills or training.

Mullauna Secondary College is not a public place, and our Principal has the authority to permit or decline entry to school grounds and impose conditions of entry.

Whilst Example School understands that many families in our school community keep dogs as pets, to ensure that our school remains a safe and inclusive place for everyone, pet dogs are not permitted on school grounds or at any school events under any circumstances during school hours from 8:00AM to 4:30PM.

Our school community is diverse and may include people that are allergic or uncomfortable around dogs. We are also conscious of the health hazards that may be posed by dogs. We ask that families please leave their pet dogs at home or safely tether them outside school grounds when attending our school or offsite school events.

Stray dogs

A stray dog is defined as any dog that is not accompanied by their owner

Unaccompanied or stray dogs sighted at our school should be reported immediately to the general office on 9874 3422. School staff will contact municipal authorities and/or Victoria police for assistance in managing and removing a stray dog from school grounds, and ensure staff and students remain safe at school.

COMMUNICATION

This policy will be communicated to our school community in the following ways:

- Available publicly on our school's website
- Reminders in our school newsletter
- Hard copy available from school administration upon request

RELATED POLICIES AND RESOURCES

- Wellbeing and Engagement Animals on PAL
- Duty of care policy
- Visitors policy

POLICY REVIEW AND APPROVAL

Policy last reviewed	July 2026
Approved by	Principal – Harry Ruff
Next scheduled review date	July 2030