

## **Dogs in the School Grounds POLICY**

### **RATIONALE**

The purpose of the Dogs in the School Grounds policy is to support the promotion of a safe school environment and to ensure the safety of all whilst attending the school, through both direct and indirect contact with dogs.

### **AIMS**

- To provide for the safety of students, toddlers, parents and visitors within the environment of the school grounds.
- To ensure access to the school grounds and buildings for people with disabilities requiring the use of dogs.

### **IMPLEMENTATION**

- With the exception of dogs that assist people with disabilities, dogs are not permitted within the school grounds at any time, unless approval has been given by the Principal or nominee.
- Dog owners are not permitted to tie their dog at the school boundary fence.
- Dog owners are entirely responsible for the control of their dog around the school boundary fence area, which includes being on a lead, ensuring safe behaviour, and cleaning up any mess made by the dog.
- Bellbridge PS promotes the Responsible Pet Ownership Program for Primary Schools to educate students in the knowledge and understanding needed for responsible pet ownership and care.
- This policy will be explained to all parents, teachers and students to ensure the whole school community is aware of the school's position regarding dogs in the school grounds.
- Signs will be displayed at entry points to the school, clearly stating that dogs are not permitted in the school grounds.

### **EVALUATION/REVIEW**

This policy will be reviewed as part of the school's three year cycle of review.

Ratified by Bellbridge Primary School Council – February 2020

Principal: *Debbie Clancy*

School Council President: *Sian Smith*