Dog Policy

Scope
This policy applies to staff/ students/ parents/ visitors to the College

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Policy Category
Health and Safety

Related Policies
Animal and Pet Policy

Associated Procedures
n/a

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1. Purpose

- To ensure the health, safety and welfare of all members of the Seymour College community and members of the public.

- To ensure dogs do not cause any harm or damage to College property.

- To regulate the presence and management of dogs on College property and in areas where College activities are being undertaken.

   *College property includes all areas, buildings and facilities which are accessible by students, staff, parents and/or members of the public. It does not include private residences owned by the College.*

2. Policy

   2.1 Due to their unpredictable nature, the reaction of some students and other individuals to dogs and possible Work Health and Safety issues, dogs may not be brought onto College property at any time by members of the public, parents, staff or students.

3. Exceptions to the Policy

   3.1 An exception to 2.1 may be granted if prior permission is sought from the College Leadership Team (for example, for pet days or show and tell).

   3.2 Any dogs brought on to College property under 3.1 must, at all times, be on a leash, be accompanied and effectively controlled by an adult owner and not permitted to wander or roam independently.

   3.3 Where dogs are brought on to College property for the purpose of participation in obedience classes, they must remain within the designated area, be kept under strict control and only be present at agreed class times.

   3.4 This policy does not apply to assistance dogs.

   3.5 This policy does not apply to the pet dog(s) of the Director of Boarding if that Director chooses to bring her pet dog to the Boarding House for the purpose of enhancing the wellbeing of the Boarders. However no other dogs are permitted to attend at the Boarding House.

4. Review

   4.1 This Policy will be reviewed every three years or sooner if circumstances so require.