



Animals on Premises

The Hazard

Animals on School grounds can result in an unsafe or unsanitary environment for students, staff, contractors and visitors, damage to property, or harm to other persons or animals.

St Peter's College Policy

St Peter's College is committed to providing a safe and hygienic environment for all our students, staff, contractors, community members and visitors.

It is our policy that:

- Dogs and other animals (other than local wildlife or certified assistance animals) are not permitted on School grounds unless deemed appropriate by the Senior Leadership Team (eg. for educational purposes).
- If approved by the Senior Leadership Team, any animals brought onto School grounds must be appropriately restrained and supervised by an adult who has been inducted by the School.

Animals in private residences owned by the School

Staff or others who reside in School-owned premises may keep pets within these premises with the prior approval of the Senior Leadership Team. If approved, these residents must ensure their animals are appropriately contained within the premises and must take full responsibility for:

- their care;
- compliance with local Council regulations and any other relevant legislation; any injury caused to people and / or damage to property; and
- the clean-up and disposal of any excrement.

They must also adhere to this policy in regards to their pet accessing the School grounds.

Workers' Responsibility

All workers are responsible to ensure that:

- They follow the guidelines set out in this policy; and
- They advise community members, visitors, etc. with animals of the School's policy; and They reinforce the policy when they observe a breach.

Implementation

This policy is implemented through a combination of:

- Staff training;
- Effective signage
- Communication to the community;
- Effective incident notification procedures; and Initiation of corrective actions where necessary.

Discipline for Breach of Policy

Where a staff member breaches this policy St Peter's College may take disciplinary action.