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| ELTHAM NORTH PRIMARY SCHOOL No 4212POLICY MANUAL |
| **POLICY NO. 1.10** | **TOPIC: Animals at School ~ Dogs** | **Page 1 of 1** |
| **PREAMBLE:**The school aims to provide a safe and healthy environment for children to learn and play. The safety of all parties (children, adults and animals) is of prime concern.PURPOSE:To set guidelines and standards for animals in school grounds**GUIDELINES FOR IMPLEMENTATION:*** 1. Pets are not to be brought into the school grounds without the prior approval of the class teacher or the principal.
	2. There are health issues relevant to bringing animals to school. Class teachers must investigate these issues prior to approving pet visits. eg allergies, anxieties
	3. Dangerous animals are not to be brought in to the school grounds at any time
	4. Unauthorised animals are to be controlled and removed from the school grounds immediately
	5. The Nillumbik shire council animal welfare officer will be contacted to remove any unauthorised animals from the school grounds
	6. Owners of the animals will be responsible for any fines resulting from their animals being impounded by the council
	7. Dogs must be under effective on the footpaths outside the school grounds and cannot be tied up within 5 metres of an access gate
	8. Wild animals eg snake sighting. Staff to contact Nillumbik Shire requesting removal from school grounds
	9. Animals brought for educational purposes shall be arranged in advance, health issues assessed and qualifications of handler (sighted).

**PARENTS ROLE:**Parents will be informed of the policy.**DOCUMENTS IN SUPPORT OF THIS POLICY:**Nillumbik Shire Council Section 26 OrderSection 26 of the Domestic (Feral and Nuisance) Animals Act 1994 |
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