



**Silver Tree**  
STEINER SCHOOL

# Dogs on School Grounds Policy

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## **Policy**

Silver Tree Steiner School recognizes that dogs are an important part of life for some of our families and, as such, are often included in day-to-day activities such as walking children to and from school.

The School also acknowledges the views of families who have chosen not to have dogs or other pets. We recognise that bringing dogs onto the premises might pose a health and safety risk to our students and others on site and could be unsettling for many as they arrive and leave school.

The aim of this policy is to facilitate a safe school environment, ensure the safety and wellbeing of everyone in attendance at Silver Tree Steiner School, and to minimise the risk of accident or injury to people or animals within the school grounds.

## **Related Policies**

- Duty of Care
- Risk Management

## Procedure

### Implementation

- Dogs, including those belonging to members of staff, are not permitted on the School grounds at any time, including drop-off and pick-up times, unless approved by the Head of School.
- It is not permitted to tether a dog at the school boundary fence or gate.

### Exceptions

- Registered therapy/assistance dogs are permitted at the School.
- Dogs may be permitted on the school grounds when coming as part of 'special news':
  - This must be pre-arranged with the class teacher.
  - Dogs must be on a lead at all times whilst on school property.
  - Dogs must be looked after by a parent and may only stay for the duration of the news-telling.
  - If a dog has been invited for their child's news, parents are to park in the designated last staff carpark bay. No dogs may enter through the front fence.
  - When bringing dogs on to the site, dog owners do so with an absolute understanding that their dog has no issues around children, has never displayed any aggression towards children or others and that the owner believes the dog is fully trustworthy in a school environment.
  - Dog owners are entirely responsible for their dog's behaviour and for cleaning up any mess left by the dog.