POLICY:

St Joseph’s School values a “safe, welcoming and happy environment” at our school. Due to the unpredictability of domestic animals, combined with the fears expressed by some children, it is essential that the presence of animals at school is controlled.

Mandatory Provisions:
All animals shall be banned or prohibited from entering the school site.
If pets are walked to school by parents the animal must be restrained at least 20 metres from school entrances.
Animals found on the school site will be reported to the Renmark Paringa Council and removed.
Animals used for curriculum purposes i.e fish, must be maintained according to Catholic Education Office guidelines. The welfare of the animal is paramount in utilising them in our curriculum.

PRINCIPLE:
Animals used for teaching purposes must be authorised by the Principal. (See attached pro-forma). It is expected that all necessary precautions have been undertaken to ensure the well-being of the students, staff and wider community.
Animals required to assist people in their daily lives i.e Guide dogs, shall be exempt.

RESOURCES:
The Renmark Paringa Council Dog Management Officer

Signed:
Chairperson School Board: Kieran Johnson ........................................May 2014
Principal: Don DePalma .................................................................May 2014

Policy Review Date: May 2014
Next Review Date: May 2017
Name of student: __________________________________________ Class: ________________
Type of animal: ____________________________________________________________________
Breed: ___________________________________________________________________________

Visit Details:
Date: _________________________________________________________
Time: _________________________________________________________
Location: ______________________________________________________
Purpose: _________________________________________________________________________

I am confident that my animal will behave in a manner which will ensure the safety of the students, parents, staff and visitors at St. Joseph’s School.

Parent Name: ________________________________________________
(Please Print)
Parent Signature: ______________________________________________

School Use Only:

Teachers to ensure:
• All children in your class and their families have been informed of the visit.
• Students have been briefed on appropriate behaviour during the visit.
• Appropriate plans have been made to cater for unforeseen circumstances.

Teacher’s Consent YES NO Signature: ________________________________
Principal’s Consent YES NO Signature: ________________________________