



Animal Policy

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 animals 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 the 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 by Principal:

Don DePalma

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Next Review Date: August 2025

~ PERMISSION TO USE AN ANIMAL IN SCHOOL CURRICULUM ~

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 : _____