

RATIONALE

Dogs are an important part of life for many HGC families, and as such are often included in day-to-day activities such as walking children to and from College. The College appreciates this inclusion and values pet ownership as an educational experience. The College also acknowledges other people can find contact with dogs stressful, even frightening.

AIMS

This policy takes into consideration the needs and expectations of all members of the HGC community, and also aims to minimise the risk of accident or injury to people or animals within the college grounds.

GUIDELINES

- 1.1. No dogs are to be brought onto HGC grounds between the hours of 7.30am and 5.00pm. This includes College based activities or events outside of these hours.
- 1.2. Dogs must not be left unattended around the main entrances to the College grounds where children may have to walk past them.
- 1.3. Authorised assistance dogs, seeing eye dogs, customs dogs are exempt from this policy.
- 1.4. On occasion, permission to bring a dog to College must be obtained from the Principal at least 48 hours prior to the event. If permission is approved, guidelines for the dog visit are as follows:
 - a) The dog must be kept on a short leash.
 - b) The leash must be held by adults only.
 - c) The dog must not be tied up and left unattended anywhere at College, even for a brief period of time.
 - d) The dog owner is responsible for any soiling by the dog on the College grounds.
- 1.5. Dog owners, when bringing dogs onto the grounds for a prearranged visit, do so with an absolute understanding that their dog has no issues around children, has never displayed any aggression towards children and that they believe that the dog is fully trustworthy in a College environment.
- 1.6. "No dogs allowed" signs will be posted at all College gates.
- 1.7. Any stray dogs in the College grounds will be immediately reported to the ranger for collection.

EVALUATION

This policy is to be reviewed as part of the College's three-year review cycle.