



## 3.6 DOGS IN THE SCHOOLYARD

### PURPOSE

Beaumaris North Primary School provides a safe and clean playground that acknowledges both the health and safety of the entire school community and the rights of dog owners.

### PHILOSOPHY

Beaumaris North PS maintains a safe and clean environment in which the students can play, attend Physical Education classes and take part in sporting activities. To achieve this, dog owners must take responsibility for their dogs by keeping them on a leash at all times and cleaning up waste left by their dogs. Provision has been made for waste bags to be available at two points on the playground- near the bike shed and on the Wood Street side of the goal posts at the school end. This action is to assist with the protection of students' health, their play areas and their classrooms.

### POLICY

The aim of the policy is to:

- Provide for the safety of students, parents and teachers when dogs are in the playground.
- Provide a healthy and safe environment in which the students can play and participate in sporting activities.
- Allow access to the school for dog owners after school hours (before 7.30am and after 6pm).
- Ensure that Beaumaris North PS is an 'on leash' property at all times.

### IMPLEMENTATION

1. Dogs must be kept on a hand held leash at all times within the school in line with Bayside City Council bylaws [http://www.bayside.vic.gov.au/documents/Walking\\_Your\\_Dog\\_In\\_Bayside.pdf](http://www.bayside.vic.gov.au/documents/Walking_Your_Dog_In_Bayside.pdf)
2. Adults must be responsible for a dog on school property at all times.
3. Dogs are not permitted to be left unattended.
4. Owners must clear up and remove waste left by their dogs and remove it from school property.
5. Signs are erected and maintained clearly showing that:
  - Dogs must be kept on a leash whilst on school premises.
  - Dogs are not allowed on the oval whilst school students are in attendance- 7.30am-6pm which includes Out of School Hours Care.

- Owners are responsible for cleaning up any waste left by their dog/s.
- Provision is made for the availability of waste bags for owners to clean up after their dog.

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