

As part of our educational plans for teaching responsible pet ownership and care, classrooms may have a class pet (goldfish etc) that the teachers and students care for. To do this, Education Queensland places particular conditions upon the school. We also have planned annual visits by the *Animal Welfare League* to reinforce our message to children about responsible pet care.

Pets that visit

We do NOT encourage pets from home to visit our school except on special occasions. These occasions might include pet competitions. Approval from the Principal is required before any pet may come onto the campus.

Dogs

Dogs are frequently a nuisance at school. Our first concern is for the welfare and safety of students and the many younger children that visit each morning and afternoon. While a dog on a lead may seem no threat, the situation will often change when a second dog appears. **Please do NOT bring your dogs to school.**

Dogs that follow children to school

It is quite common that a friendly dog in the neighbourhood will follow a student to school. We are able to manage these situations well.

- We capture the dog and leave it, with water, in our shed courtyard.
- We contact the owner if the dog has detailed tags on its collar.
- If the dog is wearing registration tags, we contact the Gold Coast City Council.

If the dog appears agitated or aggressive, we contact the Gold Coast City Council immediately.

Please leave your pets at home