

# Hauraki Primary School Policy Document

## Animal Welfare

### Rationale

The Hauraki School Board (the Board) is responsible for ensuring the wellbeing of animals has been carefully considered if they are used as part of school programme or are under a teacher's care in the classroom.

### Purpose

To ensure that the school complies with the Animal Welfare Act 1999 (the Act) and all animals are suitably cared for.

### Guidelines

1. An animal is defined as any living creature.
2. The school complies with the Act when considering the use of animals in our teaching and learning, and the presence of animals will be consistent with the instructional needs of the programme. The benefits of using animals in teaching and learning are not outweighed by any likely harm to animals.
3. The school will attend to the welfare of any animals kept at the school by ensuring they have:
  - suitable and adequate food and water;
  - clean and hygienic shelter;
  - appropriate handling;
  - the opportunity to behave normally; and
  - protection from injury and disease.
4. The Board acknowledges the role and rights of Inspector appointed under the Animal Welfare Act 1999 to visit the school.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_



Date: \_\_\_\_\_

4/11/2024

**Presiding Member of the Board**

**Review Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

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