

# Hauraki Primary School

## Policy Document

### Animal Welfare

#### **Rationale:**


The well being of animals under a teacher's care in classrooms or part of school programmes is given careful consideration.

#### **Purpose:**

- To ensure that all animals are suitably cared for.

#### **Guidelines:**

1. An animal is defined as any living creature.
2. At all times the presence of animals will be consistent with the instructional needs of the programme.
3. At all times appropriate protection, nutrition, space and environmental conditions will be provided.
4. An acceptable level of cleanliness and hygiene will be maintained at all times. Any signs of distress or illness will be promptly attended to.
5. Handling will be kept to a minimum. Students will be advised as to acceptable methods in handling animals.
6. Arrangements will be made to ensure all animals are suitably cared for during holiday periods.
7. The school acknowledges the role and right of Inspectors appointed under the Animal Welfare Act 1999 to visit the school.

**Signed:** 

**Date:** Term 4, 2020

**Chairperson Board of Trustees:**

**Review Date:** Term 4, 2023