

# SOP -Dogs on the beach with Students

Please read before working with students at Nudgee Beach



Teachers to carry Whistle or to wear microphone to aid communication.



Teachers to carry phones to call the centre to report dogs to Centre /council, Bushman's repellent and first aid kit

Nudgee Beach is an on leash only dog area. On occasion unrestrained dogs are at the beach. This SOP details actions in this instance.

## Issues of the unrestrained/ uncontrolled dogs at the beach

1. Students work in small groups with parents and or staff
2. Students are unfamiliar with the local area
3. Students can be anxious of dogs, unaware or proactive in trying to interact with the dogs
4. Dog owners do not see their own pet as a risk, most are not in control
5. Dogs are unpredictable especially in crowds and cornered situations
6. Most dog owners have no interest in controlling their pets near students
7. Nudgee Beach is becoming more and more popular both by dog owners and dog walkers who may have multiple animals with them

## Using the Beach with students

1. BEFORE going to the beach each day reiterate that students are not to pat or encourage the dogs on the beach.
2. Show students how to stand up, cross hands over chest, remain quiet and "freeze" when a dogs approaches.
3. Instruct parent and visiting school staff of the procedure and their role:
4. If unleashed dogs are within a 2 m proximately of students in your care gather students together.
5. **Staff** - Request from the owner that the dog be restrained. Explain for the safety of the students and that Brisbane City Council can issue fines if dog isn't controlled.
6. NBEEC staff are to take photographic evidence if possible and report ALL off leash dogs to the centre office. Centre office then reports directly to City of Brisbane.
7. Use **backpack as a barrier** between children and dogs.
8. Move away from dog fights.
9. **For early childhood programs USO** be on watch – to inform parents of approaching dog and for students to stand together.
10. **Centre teacher** to use microphone to request owner to restrain dog if safe to do so.
11. In the event of a dog biting a person spray insect repellent to deter the animal.
12. Report all incidents via OneSchool/MyHR, Brisbane City Council call centre, Moreton Bay Marine Park call centre.

**RISKS:**

- Students being bitten
- Students distressed by the proximity of dogs
- Dog fights incite dog unpredictability
- Dog owners becoming aggressive
- Dog faeces

Date of last review: 13/09/2021

Signature: *Maël Donahel*

**Acknowledged as read and understood.**

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