

WILDLIFE ACT 1975
EDUCATION AUTHORISATION

Pursuant to the provisions of section 28A of the *Wildlife Act 1975*, permission is hereby granted to:

Victorian Catholic Education Authority
228 Victoria Parade
East Melbourne Victoria 3002

This Authorisation allows the principal (and delegated staff) of any Victorian Catholic school to buy, sell, acquire, receive, dispose of, keep, possess and display wildlife listed in Attachment 1 for the purpose of education about wildlife.

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Permission is given subject to the following conditions:

1. The provisions of the *Wildlife Act 1975* and the *Wildlife Regulations 2024* are to be observed.
2. Wildlife must only be used for non-invasive, observational activities.
3. The direction of any authorised officer of the Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action (DEECA), in relation to this authorisation, must be followed.
4. Any person conducting activities under this authorisation must be provided with a copy of this authorisation, which they have signed as an indication that they have read and understand the conditions of the authorisation.
5. Wildlife must not be taken from or released to the wild.
6. This authorisation is only valid when it has been signed by the principal of the school.



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7. Wildlife may only be obtained from and disposed of to the holder of an appropriate wildlife licence, or any other person authorised in writing by the Secretary of the Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action (DEECA).
8. A person acquiring wildlife on behalf of a school must:
 - i. present a copy of this authorisation to any person providing the wildlife;
 - ii. provide written authorisation signed by the principal on school letterhead, authorising that person to act under this Authorisation and on their behalf; and
 - iii. Sign a copy of the school's authorisation.
9. The Principal may authorise a person in writing to care for any wildlife held under this authority, including maintenance of any wildlife at their private residence during school holidays or extended school closures. Wildlife **MUST** be kept on the school premises at all other times excepting in the case of removal for veterinary treatment or disposal.
10. A bound record book detailing all transactions involving wildlife (including name, licence number and address of supplier, species, quantities of wildlife involved, and transaction date) must be kept at the school and made available for inspection by Authorised Officer on demand.
11. The record book must be surrendered to an Authorised Officer on demand.
12. A clear label is to be fixed to every tank or enclosure used in connection with this permit, showing "Permit number 10011621" and "Wildlife must not be taken from the wild".
13. Wildlife must be kept in cages or enclosures that —
 - i. are designed, constructed and maintained to provide for the adequate shelter for the wildlife; and
 - ii. prevent the escape or injury of the wildlife; and
 - iii. protect the wildlife from predators; and
 - iv. restrict access to children and/or prevent unauthorised access by other unauthorised persons; and
 - v. provide for the good health and welfare of the animal in accordance with any applicable code of practice made under the *Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act 1986* (see Table 1).
14. The Secretary may exclude any individual school from the permission of this Authorisation if it has been breached, or an offence under the *Wildlife Act 1975* or *Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act 1986* has been committed.



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I, the Principal have read and fully understand the conditions of this authorisation.

Name of School:

Name of Principal:

Signature:

Date:

** this authorisation is only valid when signed and dated*

I, as a person acting under this authorisation have read and fully understand the conditions of this authorisation.

Name:

Signature:

Date:

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Table 1 - Mandatory of applicable codes of practice made under the *Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act 1986*

Title
Code of practice for the keeping of amphibians in captivity.
Code of practice for the housing of caged birds.
Code of practice for the welfare of animals: Private keeping of reptiles.

Available from www.agriculture.vic.gov.au



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Attachment 1**List of wildlife permitted to be kept under Education Authorisation 10011251**

Common Name	Scientific Name
Amphibians	
Southern Brown Tree Frog	<i>Litoria ewingii</i>
Banjo Frog	<i>Limnodynastes dumerili</i>
Spotted Marsh Frog	<i>Limnodynastes tasmaniensis</i>
Striped Marsh Frog	<i>Limnodynastes peronii</i>
Green Tree Frog	<i>Litoria caerulea</i>
Giant Tree Frog	<i>Litoria infrafronata</i>
Dainty Tree Frog	<i>Litoria gracilentia</i>
Reptiles	
Common Long-necked Tortoise	<i>Chelodina longicollis</i>
Murray River Tortoise	<i>Emydura macquarii</i>
Marbled Gecko	<i>Christinus marmoratus</i>
Cunningham's Skink	<i>Egernia cunninghami</i>
White's Skink	<i>Egernia whitii</i>
Blotched Blue-tongued Lizard	<i>Tiliqua nigrolutea</i>
Common Blue-tongued Lizard	<i>Tiliqua scincoides</i>
Stumpy-tail Lizard (Shingleback)	<i>Tiliqua rugosa</i>
Eastern Bearded Dragon	<i>Pogona barbata</i>
Tree Dragon	<i>Amphibolurus muricatus</i>



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Central Bearded Dragon

Pogona vitticeps

Children's Python

Antaresia childreni

Spotted Python

Antaresia maculosa

Stimson's (Large Blotched) Python

Antaresia stimsoni

Birds

Galah

Cacatua roseicapilla

Sulphur-crested cockatoo

Cacatua galerita

Budgerigar

Melopsittacus undulatus

Zebra Finch

Poephila guttata

Cockatiel

Nymphicus hollandicus

Mammals

Mitchell's Hopping Mouse

Notomys mitchelli



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