Victorian Schools Animal Ethics (VSAEC) Non-Compliance Standard Operating Procedure

Allegation of non-compliance of animal ethics in schools made to VSAEC

In consultation with VSAEC members, Chair to determine if allegation should be investigated

If yes, VSAEC seeks written explanation of the allegation from school, considers the response and any other relevant information (e.g. from person making the claim), and Chair makes a decision on compliance

School compliant

- Person making allegation is informed
- School is informed
- No further action taken

Minor

- VSAEC members to determine recommended actions
- Supervising teacher and school principal informed
- Allegation, assessment and recommended actions reported in VSAEC minutes
- School required to provide update to VSAEC about implementation of the actions within timeframe determined by VSAEC

School not compliant

 Degree of non-compliance is assessed by VSAEC*

Major

- Activity must cease immediately
- Supervising teacher and school principal informed
- Allegation, assessment and recommended actions reported in VSAEC minutes
- School required to provide update VSAEC about the actions taken to cease the activity and the arrangements made for the animals involved within timeframe determined by VSAEC

*Depending on the degree of non-compliance VSAEC may:

- Caution the school
- Suspend the activity
- Withdraw approval for the activity