



# Weapons Policy

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<b>Purpose:</b>	To inform parents of how we can work together to keep students safe at Arcadia College		
<b>Scope:</b>	This applies to the expectations placed upon students regarding weapons on site		
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<b>Responsibility:</b>	Principal	<b>Point of Contact:</b> Deputy Principal	

## Working together to keep Arcadia College safe

At Arcadia College, we can work together to keep knives out of college:

- Every student has the right to feel safe and be safe at college.
- No knives are allowed to be taken to college by students.
- There is no reason for a student to have a knife at college, and it is against the law for a student to have a knife at college.

If a student has a knife a college, they can expect serious consequences, such as fines and possibly jail. Longer jail sentences can be given to young people if someone is injured with a knife during an assault.

## What kinds of knife are banned?

- No knives of any type are allowed at college, including flick knives, ballistic knives, sheath knives, push daggers, trench knives, butterfly knives, star knives, butter knives, fruit knives or craft knives, or any item that can be used as a weapon, for example a chisel.
- Knives needed for college activities will be provided by the college, and the use of them will be supervised by college staff.
- In circumstances where students are required to have their own knives or sharp tools for particular subjects or vocational courses, the college will provide information about the procedures for carrying and storing these items at college.

The College will take tough action against a student who brings a knife on site.

- If a student has a knife at college, senior management can inform the police.
- Possessing a knife at college may result in serious disciplinary consequences
- Police can search a student and their property at school if they suspect a student has a knife.
- A student may be charged with a criminal offence and may face serious consequences if convicted, including a fine or jail.
- College property such as desks or lockers may be searched if the senior management suspects that a student has a knife on or in college property.
- If Senior Management suspects the student has a knife in their bag, the bag may be temporarily confiscated until police arrive.
- If the student does have a knife at college, it can be confiscated by Senior Management and given to the

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**How can students help to keep Arcadia College safe?**

- Make sure you know the laws and rules about knives.
- Ask your parents not to put knives or knife tools in your lunch box, pencil case or craft kit.
- Contact your Teacher/Youth Worker if you are being bullied or threatened at college.
- Immediately tell a Teacher/Youth Worker or adult if you think someone has a knife at college, or if they say they will bring a knife to college.
- Immediately tell a Teacher/Youth Worker if a student is threatening anyone with an object that could injure them.

**How can parents help to keep Arcadia College safe?**

- Make sure your child knows what the laws and rules are about knives.
- Do not include knives or knife tools in children's lunch boxes, pencil cases or craft kits.
- Contact your college Deputy Principal if you believe your child is being bullied or threatened at college.
- If you want to talk about students and knives at college, please contact the college on: (07) 5655 1800.