

USE OF KNIVES BY STUDENTS

- Every student has the right to feel safe and be safe at school.
- There is no reason for a student to have a knife at school.
- No knives are allowed to be taken to school by students.
- It is against the law for a student to have a knife at school.
- A student that has a knife at school can receive very serious consequences.

Students are not allowed to have any type of knife at school including:

- flick knives, ballistic knives, sheath knives, push daggers, trench knives, butterfly knives, star knives, butter knives, fruit knives or craft knives
- any item that can be used as a weapon, for example, a screwdriver.

If a knife or tool for school subjects is needed, school staff will provide them and supervise their use.

What will happen if a knife is brought to school?

- If a student has a knife at school, the principal may call the police.
- Police can search a student's property at school if they think the student has a knife.
- If a student has a knife at school, they may be disciplined, for example, suspension or exclusion.
- The student may be charged with a criminal offence and face serious consequences.
- School property such as desks can be searched if the principal suspects that a student has a knife on or in school property.
- If the principal thinks a student has a knife in their bag, the bag can be confiscated until police arrive.
- If a student has a knife at school, it can be confiscated by the principal and given to the police.
- The student may face serious disciplinary consequences if they bring a knife to school.

Actions required by students

- Immediately tell a teacher or adult if you think someone has a knife at school, or if they say they will bring a knife to school.
- Immediately tell a teacher if a student is threatening anyone with an object that could injure them.