



Weapons Policy

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Purpose:	To inform parents of how we can work together to keep students safe at The Spot Academy	
Scope:	This applies to the expectations placed upon students regarding weapons on site	
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Responsibility:	Head of Campus	Point of Contact: Deputy Principal

Working together to keep The Spot Academy safe

At The Spot Academy, we can work together to keep knives out of Academy:

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

If a student has a knife at Academy, 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 Academy, 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 Academy activities will be provided by the Academy, and the use of them will be supervised by Academy staff.
- In circumstances where students are required to have their own knives or sharp tools for particular subjects or vocational courses, the Academy will provide information about the procedures for carrying and storing these items at Academy.

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

- If a student has a knife at Academy, senior management can inform the police.
- Possessing a knife at Academy 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.
- Academy property such as desks or lockers may be searched if the senior management suspects that a student has a knife on or in Academy 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 Academy, it can be confiscated by Senior Management and given to the police.

How can students help to keep The Spot Academy 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 Academy.
- Immediately tell a Teacher/Youth Worker or adult if you think someone has a knife at Academy, or if they say they will bring a knife to Academy.
- 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 The Spot Academy 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 you the Head of Campus if you believe your child is being bullied or threatened at Academy.
- If you want to talk about students and knives at Academy, please contact the Academy on: (07) 5628 3300.