



Knife Policy

Rational

Maroochydore State High Schools core values are Learning, Respect and Safety. We work to ensure that everyone feels safe and supported in our school.

Policy Guidelines

- We can work together to keep knives out of school. At Maroochydore State High School :
- Every student has the right to feel safe and be safe at school.
- No knives are allowed to be taken to school by students.
- There is no reason for a student to have a knife at school, and it is against the law for a student to have a knife at school. If a student has a knife a school, 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.

Procedures

- If a student has a knife at school, principals can inform the police.
- Possessing a knife at school may result in serious disciplinary consequences including exclusion.
- 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.
- School property such as desks or lockers may be searched if the principal suspects that a student has a knife on or in school property.
- If the principal 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 school, it can be confiscated by the principal and given to the police.

Support

How can parents help to keep Maroochydore State High School 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.