WORKING TOGETHER TO KEEP BULLYARD STATE SCHOOL SAFE

We can work together to keep dangerous weapons out of school. At Bullyard State School:

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

If a student has a dangerous weapon at 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 dangerous weapon during an assault.

What kinds of weapons are banned?

- No knives of any type are allowed at school, 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 school activities will be provided by the school, and the use of them will be supervised by school staff.
- In circumstances where students are required to have their own knives or sharp tools for particular subjects or vocational courses, the school will provide information about the procedures for carrying and storing these items at school.

The Principal can take tough action against a student who brings a dangerous weapon to school.

- If a student has a dangerous weapon at school, principals can inform the police.
- Possessing a dangerous weapon at school may result in serious disciplinary consequences.
- Police can search a student and their property at school if they suspect a student has a dangerous weapon.
- 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 dangerous weapon on or in school property.
- If the Principal suspects the student has a dangerous weapon in their bag, the bag may be temporarily confiscated until police arrive.
- If the student does have a dangerous weapon at school, it can be confiscated by the Principal and given to the police.

How can parents help to keep Bullyard State School safe?

- Make sure your child knows what the laws and rules are about dangerous weapons.
- Do not include knives or knife tools in children’s lunch boxes, pencil cases or craft kits.
- Contact your school Principal if you believe your child is being bullied or threatened at school.
- If you want to talk about students and dangerous weapons at school, please contact the Principal.