



FIREARMS POLICY

RATIONALE

This policy should be read in conjunction with the Arms Act 2020 and Health and Safety at Work Act 2015: A Practical Guide for School Board and School Leaders.

The School Board is committed to ensuring the health and safety of all workers, students, visitors and contractors by complying with the Arms Act 2020 and the Arms Regulations 1992.

This policy applies to and is to be followed by all members of the school's leadership team, workers, students, contractors, temporary workers, volunteers and visitors.

Arms Act 2020 defines unless the context otherwise requires,

airgun includes—

- a) any air rifle; and
- b) any air pistol; and
- c) any weapon from which, by the use of gas or compressed air (and not by force of explosive), any shot, bullet, missile, or other projectile can be discharged

air pistol carbine conversion kit—

- a) means a frame or kit that may be used to convert an air pistol that is designed or adapted to be held and fired with 1 hand into an airgun that may be fired from the shoulder; but
- b) does not include a pistol carbine conversion kit

THE BOARD IS COMMITTED TO:

- Complying with Arms (Prohibited Firearms, Magazines, and Parts) Amendment Act 2019.
- Engaging with the local community and understanding their position on firearms in schools.
- Providing alternative educational opportunities for students who do not have parental consent to be involved with firearms related activities.
- Running regular firearm safety courses for students who participate in small bore and clay bird/target shooting activities or who store firearms at school.
- Requiring at least one staff member to hold a firearms licence, if we store firearms on school grounds.
- Ensuring there are alternative arrangements in place for communicating with parents/caregivers whose first language is not English and/or te reo Māori.
- Completing a risk analysis management plan for each event involving firearms.
- Having our firearms storage unit/armory regularly inspected by NZ Police and as determined by NZ Police District practices.

RELATED AND RELEVANT SCHOOL DOCUMENTS

- [Firearms Procedure](#)

REVIEW

This policy shall be reviewed every three years or more regularly by agreement. The provisions of this agreement may be varied by the Board following consultation with workers.

The Wesley College School Board approved this policy November 2021.

This policy will be reviewed on / before the November meeting 2024.