

SEARCH AND SEIZURE

SCHOOL STATEMENT AND GUIDELINES

Purpose

To provide specific guidelines which should be followed whenever students' possessions and / or rooms are subject to search / or seizure whilst they are on the school site, for alleged infractions of the law or school policy, regulation or rule.

Definition

Authorised school personnel include the Principal, Deputy Principal (Education), Deputy Principal (Care), Assistant Principals.

Procedures

The Principal will inform parents / carers / guardians about the laws, policies and regulations regarding search and seizure through a statement in the school prospectus.

Before conducting a search of a student's possessions or room, authorised school personnel will make reasonable efforts to obtain the consent of the student or parent

Requests from the police to enter the school to interview staff or students or to search premises and property, must be sanctioned by the Principal in accordance with CYPS regulations in such matters.

Carrying Offensive Weapons:-

Description

An offensive weapon is defined as anything made or adapted for causing injury.

Under the Criminal Justice Act 1988, s 139A, a person who has an offensive weapon on school premises commits an offence. The police are given a specific power under s139B to enter school premises and search them, and any person, for any offensive weapon.

If a pupil hands in an offensive weapon, the following action will be taken:-

The article will be placed in a sealed envelope or other container.

The container will be labelled with the receiving member of staff's name, the date, time and method of attainment. The name of the pupil from whom the article was obtained should be noted. The container should be stored in a secure place and the appropriate authorities informed.

If a pupil is found carrying an offensive weapon on the school premises, the pupil may face exclusion.

Any dangerous items will be removed and destroyed if appropriate.

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Principal



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APPENDIX 1

Searching Pupils and their Possessions

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Checklist:

Reason for search	
Date of search	
What is to be searched? (i.e. wardrobe, pockets etc)	
Where is the search to be carried out? (i.e. bedroom, classroom, etc)	
Staff carrying out the search	

Signature of searchers

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For completion by senior member of staff sanctioning search:

I am sanctioning this search for the following reasons:
1)
2)
3)
Signed Date

This form must be returned to the school office as soon as possible following the search.