



CONFISCATION OF PROPERTY

Property may be temporarily removed from a student if a staff member is reasonably satisfied that removal is necessary to:

- Preserve the caring, safe, supportive and productive learning environment of the school
- Maintain and foster mutual respect among staff and students at the school
- Encourage all students to take responsibility for their own behaviour and the consequences of their actions
- Ensure compliance with Miles State High policy and procedures

To maintain student safety if the property is illegal to possess, likely to threaten the safety or well-being of students or staff, or it is reasonably suspected to have been used to commit a crime, the Principal should retain the property for handing to the police.

The Principal or Staff Member does not require the student's consent to search school property such as lockers or desks being used by the student.

The Principal or Staff Member does not have the authority to open, examine or otherwise deal with the property of a student without the consent of the student. For example, the Principal and staff member who removes a mobile phone from a student is not authorised to unlock the phone or to read, copy or delete messages stored in the phone.

Under normal circumstances the Principal or Staff Member is not permitted to search student property (e.g. a student's school bag) unless they have the student's consent or the consent of their parents. There may, however, be an emergency circumstance where it is necessary to search a student's property without a student's consent or the consent of their parents (e.g. to access an EpiPen for an anaphylactic emergency). Emergency circumstances may include where life or welfare of a student or students is at immediate risk.

CONFISCATION AND REMOVAL OF STUDENTS PROPERTY

Non-dangerous Items

Non-dangerous items are items that are prohibited from use at school, however do not pose immediate risk to the safety and wellbeing of the students, staff and community. These items can be seen on Miles State High School Behaviour Expectations Matrix.

If a student is found in possession of these items the following will occur:

1. Student will be asked to hand item into Student Services.
2. Student will be provided with a receipt to show item has been handed in.
3. Student will collect the item at the end of school.
4. Parent/carer will be notified by teacher.
5. If a student refuses to hand item in, parent/carer will be contacted to collect the student and the item from school, due to refusal to follow reasonable instruction to ensure safety of all students, staff and community.
6. Logical consequence will be provided for students being in possession of non-dangerous items at school.

Dangerous Items

Dangerous items are items that can cause harm to a student or another person. Dangerous items all items prohibited by law including, but not limited to:

- Guns, knives & imitation weapons
 - Blades or edged/sharp objects
 - Explosives & firecrackers
 - Illegal drugs
 - Alcohol
 - Smoking products & electronic cigarettes
 - Anything else that may compromise the safety and wellbeing of students, staff and community.
1. Teacher will inform leadership staff and principal.
 2. Student's bag or item will be confiscated and not returned until parent/carer and/or police arrive.
 3. Student's bag will be searched with permission of parent, student or police.
 4. Dangerous item will be removed and provided to police or parent, depending on law and advice from Police.
 5. Logical consequence provided.