



Te One School

Firearms Not Allowed

Firearms and airguns

Te One School does not allow student involvement with firearms or airguns on or off school premises for school-related events and/or activities. Te One School does not allow firearms/airguns or ammunition on the school grounds at any time.

- A **firearm** is "anything from which any shot, bullet, missile, or other projectile can be discharged by force of explosive", and includes objects which could be made capable of doing this (Arms Act 1983, section 2.1).
- An **airgun** is "any air rifle, air pistol or weapon that has a gas or compressed air firing mechanism." It "includes air rifles, air pistols, BB guns, soft air pellet guns and paintball guns. Some more powerful airguns ... are treated in the Arms Act 1983 as firearms" (Ministry of Education: [Guidelines for schools developing a firearms policy](#) .

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Authorities such as the New Zealand Police or New Zealand Defence Force are not bound by this policy in situations of law enforcement or national security.

Imitation firearms

An **imitation firearm** is "anything that has the appearance of being a firearm capable of discharging any shot, bullet, missile, or other projectile, whether or not it is capable of discharging any shot, bullet, missile, or other projectile" (Arms Act 1983, 2.1). It is an offence to carry an imitation firearm without a lawful, proper, and sufficient purpose (Arms Act 1983 46). The Ministry of Education notes that imitation firearms include toy guns. See [Guidelines for schools developing a firearms policy](#) .

Te One School does not allow imitation guns at school. Exceptions may be made in certain circumstances with school permission, e.g. for a school play or a dress-up day. In such circumstances, school staff supervise the use of imitation guns, and respond to any inappropriate use. See [Surrender and Retention](#).

Legislation

- Arms Act 1983
- Arms Regulations 1992
- Health and Safety at Work Act 2015

Resources

- Ministry of Education | Te Tāhuhu o te Mātauranga: [Firearms policy guidelines](#) 
- [Te Tari Pūreke | Firearms Safety Authority](#) 

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