



# Offensive Weapons Policy

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## 1. Introduction

- 1.1 NMITE aims to ensure the highest possible levels of safety and security in all its activities and across all sites. Accordingly, no person(s), whilst on property owned by or controlled by NMITE, shall store or carry or otherwise have possession of any weapon or firearm.
- 1.2 This policy applies to all students, staff, contractors and governors of NMITE and to all visitors to NMITE premises. It also applies to all NMITE properties and to all events organised under the auspices of NMITE.
- 1.3 NMITE reserves the right to take disciplinary action against any individual listed in 1.2 in possession of an offensive weapon in any circumstances that are prejudicial to the interests of NMITE community, regardless of location or context.

## 2. Definitions

- 2.1 For the purpose of this policy a weapon is defined as any article made or adapted for use for killing or causing injury to a person or intended by them for such use by themselves or another person. This definition includes any article which is a concealed knife or concealed weapon, and any article designed to look like a weapon.
- 2.2 For the purpose of this policy a firearm is defined as in the Firearms Act 1968 (as amended) and includes imitation firearms, replica and antique firearms, air guns, air pistols, air rifles and 'BB' guns.
- 2.3 Examples of weapons include but are not limited to explosives including fireworks and pyrotechnic devices, pellet guns, 'airsoft' guns, crossbows, long bows, swords, martial arts weapons, articles which are sharply pointed or have a blade (other than a folding pocket knife with a blade less than 3



inches in length), hunting or fishing knives, 'zombie knives' and knuckle-dusters.

- 2.4 Corrosive liquids such as acid and cleaning fluids may be interpreted as weapons under this policy if carried and used to cause personal injury or harm.
- 2.5 NMITE property is deemed to be all internal and external campus areas and Eign Gate student accommodation.

### **3. Unauthorised weapons on campus**

- 3.1 NMITE will confiscate any unauthorised weapon/s found on NMITE owned or controlled property. The weapon/s will be returned to the owner they have arranged to have the weapon/s stored appropriately and permanently off campus and out of any NMITE owned or controlled property.
- 3.2 If the confiscated weapon is believed to be illegal under the Offensive Weapons Act 2024; NMITE will report the matter to the Police and follow instruction regarding confiscation/safe storage/hand in or collection by the Police. NMITE may inform the local police service of the details of any person who is or has been in possession of any offensive and/or dangerous weapon found on any NMITE owned or controlled property.
- 3.3 Using any object, article, substance or liquid in an offensive or dangerous manner or in a manner which is likely to frighten others is also strictly prohibited

### **4. Disciplinary Action**

- 4.1 Students who are or who have been found to be in possession of unauthorised weapons and / or firearms on campus or any NMITE owned or controlled property will be subject to disciplinary action. Any instances of potential misconduct will be investigated in line with NMITE's Student Disciplinary Policy.
- 4.2 In the case of prohibited or non-registered firearms and other illegal weapons, the individual may also be subject to criminal prosecution. If a student is under Police investigation; the internal investigation will be paused
- 4.2 Members of NMITE staff who are or who have been found to be in possession of unauthorised weapons and / or firearms on campus or any



NMITE owned or controlled property may be subject to disciplinary action with sanctions up to and including dismissal for gross misconduct.

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