

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) for schools

Why is the StandUp knife crime prevention and education program being offered to secondary schools?

Education plays a pivotal role in preventing knife crime by equipping young people with the knowledge, skills and support they need to make positive choices.

Knife crime is of increasing concern within our communities. We know that teenagers aged 14 and 15 years are at a peak period of influence, both emotionally and socially. Friends, family, media and culture are influencing their world.

Through educational programs and initiatives, we can talk openly with our teenagers about the influences of knife crime, to ensure that our youth are well informed and empowered to make positive choices, to build safe and resilient communities.

The StandUp program does this by :

- Raising awareness and promoting safe choices

Knife crime prevention education is crucial in helping teenagers understand the dangers of carrying and using knives. It highlights the potential consequences of their actions and emphasises the importance of seeking help.

- Supporting students and teachers

Providing knife crime prevention education in schools can help to create safer environments for both students and teachers. Schools are provided with resources to support and inform students on how to seek help or report unsafe behaviour.

Why is this program delivered to Year 9 and 10 students?

The presentation is designed primarily for secondary school students aged 14-16 years. Research suggests that knife crime in this age group is increasing. This is a time when our young people are most vulnerable to peer pressure and risky decision-making.

In the last 10 years, the Queensland Police Service (QPS) has seen an increase in the number of young Queenslanders carrying knives. StandUp educates students about the risks of carrying knives and the serious legal consequences that can occur, through clear messaging and direct discussions.



What is the benefit of having this program delivered in my school?

Knife crime is a complex issue that can be challenging for teachers to address with students.

This program is delivered by QPS members, who provide the credibility and authority to deliver trusted and knowledgeable information to students about Queensland's knife laws and consequences of knife carrying.

The topics discussed in the program are linked to the Australian Curriculum, Year 9 and 10 levels.

A key outcome of the program is to reduce the appeal of knife carrying and encourage help-seeking behaviours, which will contribute to creating safer schools and communities.

What age group is the Standup program suitable for?

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Queensland Police Service (QPS) data indicates that there has been an increase in reports of students possessing knives in educational settings.

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What content is covered in the StandUp program?

The StandUp, knife crime prevention program is aligned to the Australian curriculum to ensure it is age-appropriate and relevant to student's learning.

Topics included in the presentation are intended to educate young people about Queensland's knife laws, the dangers of knife carrying, associated consequences, how to safely report and stay safe in their community.

Through an engaging, interactive lesson plan, our program empowers students to make informed decisions that contribute to preventing knife violence and crime.



How much does the StandUp program cost?

The StandUp program is delivered free of charge by QPS members.

Can anyone request to have the StandUp program delivered?

Schools can register online at www.qld.gov.au/standup to have the StandUp program delivered by a QPS officer in their area. Alternatively, contact your local police station or School Based Police Officer to arrange a presentation to be held at your school.

When will my StandUp booking be confirmed?

If you have booked the StandUp program with a local police officer, you will be emailed a confirmation of this booking as soon as the KCP Team has received your booking information from the officer.

For schools that book presentations online, the KCP Team will confirm your booking approximately three weeks prior to the nominated presentation date.

Given the program is delivered by local police members, allocating an officer to your school or organisation may take some time (based on your location), especially during busy periods. We ask that you please be aware of this and consider planning your session in advance!

Is there a limit to the number of parents, carers and teachers my school or organisation can invite to take part in the StandUp, knife crime prevention program?

There is no limit to the number of trusted adults or support persons that can attend the program delivery.

It is the responsibility of the school to determine the trusted adults or supports persons able to attend the StandUp program.

Is there a preferred number of students that can take part in the StandUp, knife crime prevention program?

Your local police officer will be able to advise you on their preferences for delivering student presentations. However, through our research and codesign process, we identified that a normal class size (approximately 30 students) is best suited for the program. We know this may not always be possible, and do encourage you to consider:

- Venue capacity, audio, and visual viewing.
- The ability to address individual questions within the allocated period.



How much time do we need to allocate for the StandUp program?

The program runs for approximately 45 minutes. It is recommended to allow an extra 10 minutes either side of this to allow for setup, student or parent questions and the completion of feedback forms.

When can StandUp program sessions be held?

StandUp sessions can be booked year-round, within school terms.

Are there any requirements that schools should consider before requesting to host the program?

There are no specific requirements. However, we request that you supply a venue equipped with:

- A computer
- Audio-visual facilities to run a Microsoft PowerPoint presentation.
- Media outlet for videos
- Enough space to host the number of students, teachers or parents participating in the program.

This ensures a smooth and engaging experience for everyone involved.

Is there an online version of the program available?

There is no online presentation available at this point in time. However, should this become available, you can email us to register your interest in receiving an online version of the program.

Can I film the StandUp, knife crime prevention program?

Filming is not allowed without prior permission from the Knife Crime Prevention Team. Requests may be considered on a case-by-case basis. If recording is required, please contact the QPS KCP team to discuss.

For information, visit www.qld.gov.au/standup or contact the QPS Knife Crime Prevention Team via email on knifecrimeprevention@police.qld.gov.au

