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*Policy: Firearm Safety- Clay  
Target and Target Rifle  
Shooting Policy*

*School: Benalla P-12 College*

*Section: General 1.16*

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## **Firearm Safety – Clay Target and Target Rifle Shooting Policy**

Benalla P-12 College encourages extracurricular activities.

The College has a rich history with Firearm Safety/Clay Target and Target Rifle activities. It partners with local sporting clubs and has conducted the Annual Clay Target Championships for the past 55 years.

The College also conduct these activities during the End of Year Activities Program.

### **Agreed Understandings:**

1. Sporting activities outside the school environment are a valued and accepted part of the school's curriculum because it contributes to the development of the whole child.
2. The program also promotes student capabilities and endeavours to instil values that are vital for developing sound interpersonal relationships and healthy psychological development. It provides first-hand experiences, stimulates observation and inquiry and also increases opportunities for social interaction through participation in adventure type activities.

### **Guidelines:**

1. All firearm safety/target shooting activities require School Council approval.
2. Approval must be sought at a scheduled school council meeting at least eight weeks prior to the departure date.
3. The above information will be provided to the Principal or the Principal's delegate at least 8 weeks before the School Council meeting date.
4. A First Aid trained person must attend each activity.
5. The sporting clubs involved must provide risk management and risk assessments documents.
6. Communication will be a priority. A mobile phone connection will be available for emergency calls.
7. All staff and volunteers engaged in this excursion should ensure they understand the DET guidelines and the Benalla P-12 College Duty of Care Policy and adhere to these at all times.
8. This policy should be read in conjunction with our Camps and Incursion Policy.

### **Implementation:**

1. In October each year. The College in conjunction with Benalla Field and Game Inc., will hold what has become the "Benalla P-21 College Clay Target Championships".

2. The College organizes the paper work and the Benalla Field and Game Inc. provides the expertise and safety control of the event.
3. The End of Year Activities Program is also offered under the same profile.

**Basis for discretion:**

The basis for discretion lies with the Principal as an operational matter.

**Date ratified by Benalla P-12 College Council:** 28 August, 2017  
**Recommended date for review:** August, 2019

<b>Date Implemented:</b>	<b>August, 2017</b>
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