



Video and Digital Media Policy

Preamble The purpose of this policy is to inform decision-making processes associated with the use and selection of video and digital media resources for teaching and learning.

- Aims**
- To give clear guidelines for selection of suitable resources that support and enhance the set curriculum.
 - To ensure that teachers follow the Australian Classification and Department of Education Guidelines as well as the guidelines of the Australian Copyright Council.
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- Implementation**
- Selection of texts**
- All films and television programs shown in class must be a part of the regular curriculum program and listed in the relevant curriculum planning documentation.
 - All faculties must refer to the related policy documents in the selection and gaining permission of M and MA15+ videos and excerpts. (*refer to 'related documents'*)
 - All staff must refer to related policy documents in the selection of texts that contain controversial material or themes. (*refer to 'related documents'*)
 - It should be noted that films on the VCAA text lists have already been through a stringent checking procedure.

Middle Years Campus

- No MA15+ or R rated digital media is to be shown.
- In the case of M rated material, parental permission must be sought for all students under 15 years of age.
- In the case of G and PG, no parent/carer permission is required.
- As part of a curriculum unit or program, staff may use excerpts from film or television with an M or MA15+ rating. These excerpts must not contain elements that contribute to the M or MA15+ rating.

Senior Campus

- No R rated digital media is to be shown.
 - In the case of M and MA15+, parental permission must be sought for all students under 15 years of age.
 - In the case of G and PG, no parent/carer permission is required.
 - As part of a curriculum unit or program, staff may use excerpts from film or television with an M or MA15+ rating. These excerpts must not contain elements that contribute to the M or MA15+ rating.
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Related Documents *Copyright policy (Australian Copyright Council)*
<http://www.copyright.org.au/>

External Links *Australian Classification (Australian Government)*
<http://www.classification.gov.au/Public/Resources/Pages/Fact-sheets.aspx>

Selecting Teaching and Learning Resources (DET Website) <http://www.education.vic.gov.au/school/principals/spag/curriculum/Pages/selection.aspx>

Ratified Date This policy was ratified by School Council on 22 March 2016

Review Date This policy will be reviewed as part of the College's three-year review cycle
