



MONARO

High School

Policy | Films, Videos, DVDs and Computer Games

Rationale

Monaro High School recognises the use of films, videos, DVDs and computer games as a valuable teaching and learning resource.

Monaro High School complies with the National Classification Scheme (NCS) and follows all recommended ratings.

In general, films and computer games are classified as **G**, **PG**, **M** and **MA 15+**. Films may also be classified **R 18+**. **G**, **PG**, and **M** are **advisory classifications** recommending the appropriate audience. **MA 15+** and **R 18+** are **legally restricted categories**.

Guidelines

- | All film and computer games must be previewed by teachers prior to use with students.
- | **G**, **PG**, and **M** are **advisory classifications**, recommending the appropriate audience.
- | **MA15+** and **R18+** are **legally restricted categories**.
- | Use of any classified (from **G** through to **MA15+**) materials requires the approval of the Principal.
- | The Principal may delegate the approval of the use of **G** and **PG** material to an appropriate member of the teaching staff.
- | **PG** material should only be used with students after careful consideration. Staff may wish to inform parents prior to viewing.
- | **ONLY THE PRINCIPAL** can approve materials rated **M** and **MA15+**. These materials must be:
 - ~ Relevant to the course;
 - ~ Only used when other related resources are limited;

- ~ Only used with students who are 15 years and over;
- ~ Only used after parents have been notified (note home with Principal's signature)

- | The Principal may delegate the task of viewing **M** and **MA15+** materials to an appropriate member of the teaching staff, who can advise as to the suitability of the material. However, **ONLY THE PRINCIPAL** can approve the showing of these materials to students.
- | Parents must be informed in writing for both **M** and **MA15+**.
 - ~ For Year 11 and 12 students, informing parents in advance may be notification to parents at the start of a course that **M**-classified materials may be shown during the course. For **MA15+**, parents must respond with their written approval. Students who are 18 years or older AND living apart from parent supervision may sign their own approval.

- | **NO FILMS CLASSIFIED R18+ ARE TO BE SHOWN TO SCHOOL STUDENTS UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES.**

Evaluation

This policy will be reviewed as part of the school's three-year review cycle.