



St Mary's College

Video Viewing Guidelines

When using video material in classrooms whether they are on DVD, ClickView or via websites such as YouTube these guidelines are to be checked.

- Copyright laws must be recognised and observed.
- All material should be reviewed to ensure that the video material is useful and appropriate for that particular curriculum outcome and the student's present stage of development. This is particularly important with web based video content.
- Titles can be misleading and cannot be used as a guide to the suitability of the material.
- The Film Classification Guidelines are useful in regard to the appropriateness of the video.

The guidelines are:

G	General	Suitable for all ages
PG	Parental Guidance Recommended	Should only be viewed by a person under the age of 15 years with the guidance of a parent or guardian of the person.
M	Mature	Recommended for mature audiences 15 years and over. Material in this category cannot be recommended for those under 15 years.
MA	Mature Accompanied	Restrictions apply to persons under the age of 15. This category is legally restricted. Children under 15 years are not allowed to see MA films in cinemas or hire them on video unless in the company of a parent or adult guardian.
R	Restricted	This category is legally restricted to adults 18 years and over.

- Material rated M and MA should only be provided for students who are 15 years and over. It should only be shown when the video has particular and special applicability.
- Parents should be informed in writing before a video classified MA is shown and provided with the opportunity to withdraw their child from viewing.
- Excerpts from MA videos may be shown without parental consent if that excerpt does not contain any material that led to the MA classification.
- Material rated R is NOT to be shown to students under any

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