



Viewing Policy

Rationale:

The Viewing of television programs, video, DVD and film is an important part of communication; it is an interdisciplinary part of learning that covers listening, responding, as well as viewing. These skills are actively taught throughout each learning area.

Aims:

- To ensure that age appropriate viewing material is presented to students at the relevant ages and stages of learning.

Implementation:

- All staff are to use viewing material which is sensitive to community standards and community expectations.
- Care should be taken to ensure that viewing material and resources are appropriate for the students' wellbeing (including their social and moral development) and age group, and that the exploration of issues and ideas is relevant to the central purposes of education and conducted with due respect for students and their parents.
- The following ratings must be observed when selecting a viewing material for students:

Year Level	Acceptable rating
K-4	G only
5-6	G, (PG with parent permission)

- Teachers wishing to involve students in seeing videos, DVD's, film or television programs which are rated outside the above guidelines or deal with sexual scenes, violence, nudity, offensive language or other controversial or sensitive issues must seek approval from the principal.
- Teachers must ensure that:
 - All material needs to be previewed prior to it being presented to the students to ascertain appropriate content.

- The media in question is closely related to the particular course of study and there are sound educational reasons why the students should see it.
- No children in the class are likely to be disturbed or otherwise harmed by the experience
- Appropriate lead up and follow up activities are planned
- Alternative arrangements for meaningful learning experiences for students whose parents do not want them to be exposed to such material.
- Copy write laws must be observed.

Evaluation:

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

Policy ratified by school council in...

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