



Parkmore Primary School

Video, Film and Computer Games Use Policy

1. Rationale:

- 1.1. This policy governs the use of video, film and computer games by Parkmore Primary School. Material accessed via the Internet is governed by the Acceptable Use of Digital Resources Policy.
- 1.2. Parkmore Primary School recognises that video, film and computer games can enhance the way students' access information.
- 1.3. The School actively supports access by students to the widest variety of information while ensuring that the material used is appropriate to the students' age group as defined by the National Classification Scheme for video/film and computer games.

The *National Classification Scheme* for films, videos and computer games is as follows:

CTC	Check the Classification	has advertising approval, but has not yet been classified
G	General	suitable for everyone
PG	Parental Guidance	Not recommended for children under 15; may contain material which some children find confusing or upsetting.
M	Mature	Not recommended for children under 15; may include moderate levels of violence, language or themes.
MA 15+	Mature Audiences	Restricted - unsuitable for persons under 15; may contain strong content.
R 18+	Restricted (R)	Restricted to adults.
X 18+	Restricted (X)	Restricted to adults – contains sexually explicit content.

2. Aims:

Parkmore Primary School aims to:

- 2.1. ensure that staff, students and parents have confidence that the use of film, video and computer games are in accordance with the National Guidelines.

3. Implementation:

- 3.1. The school will use the National Classification Scheme to guide decisions regarding the appropriateness of films, videos and computer games. Teachers wishing to use materials that are not age appropriate must gain approval from the Principal.
- 3.2. Where students may view such materials within the school or other settings (e.g. camps):
 - 3.2.1. The **school** will inform parents and carers of the nature of the material being offered (see attached).
 - 3.2.2. The **teacher** will negotiate an acceptable outcome with the parent or carer, in the case of a parent or carer expressing concern about the material being offered.

4. Resources:

- 4.1. National Classification Scheme
Retrieved 13 May, 2013, from
www.classification.gov.au/About/Pages/National-Classification-Scheme.aspx

5. Evaluation:

- 5.1. This policy will be reviewed as part of the school's three-year review cycle.
Review Date: 2016

This policy was last ratified by School Council in: **September 2013**



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Appendix 1: PARENT/CARER CONSENT FORM

VIEWING OF [NAME OF FILM]

September 2013

Dear Parent/Carer,

As part of our [explanation of] program students have been [studying the x].

[Explanation/blurb of film to be viewed].

To deepen their understanding of the [x] and to allow students to make comparisons between the [x] and the movie we will be showing the movie [date and time]. Some of the scenes do contain [x] and as a result this movie has been given a PG rating.

Your child will require your signature on the sheet below to be able to view [title of movie].

For further information regarding the viewing of films at Parkmore Primary School, please refer to the **Video, Film & Computer Games Use Policy**, accessible at: <http://www.parkmore.vic.edu.au/>

Thank you for your support,

[Names of Teachers involved].

[Name of team]

VIEWING OF [NAME OF FILM]

Student's name: _____ Home Group: _____

I am aware that the movie XX is rated PG and consent to my child watching this under teacher supervision.

Signature of Parent/Carer: _____ Date: _____