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of South Australia Inc.

HUNGARIAN COMMUNITY SCHOOL, ADELAIDE INC.

Screening DVDs and Movies May 2017

Summary

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Introduction

The use of audio-visual material can enhance an education program. Hungarian Community School, Adelaide Inc. will occasionally use DVDs, films, sound recordings and internet content for educational purposes. This policy outlines the use of audio-visual material and sound recordings within our school.

This policy is based on information from The National Classification Scheme and the National Copyright Unit.

Policy

The Copyright Act permits teachers to play films, and sound recordings, to their students in class provided that it is for educational purposes.

The Classifications (Publications, Films and Computer Games) Act 1995 states that a person must not exhibit a film unless the film is:

- (a) classified; and
- (b) is exhibited with the same title as that under which is classified; and
- (c) is exhibited in the form, without alteration or addition, in which is classified

The following are the different types of classifications for films

- (a) **G** General
- (b) **PG** Parental Guidance
- (c) **M** Mature
- (d) **MA 15+** Mature Accompanied
- (e) **R18+** Restricted
- (f) **X18 +** Restricted
- (g) **RC** Refused Classification

Procedure

Hungarian Community School, Adelaide Inc. has developed the following procedures when exhibiting a film or sound recording or when planning an excursion to watch a film at a cinema:

- All audio-visual and sound recordings must be previewed by teachers prior to use with students. When previewing, the teacher will consider the suitability of the



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material in the educational context, the age of students and the maturity of the intended audience.

- The use of classified materials requires the approval of the Principal. This approval can be obtained when curriculum programs are being developed.
- Materials classified **G** General can be viewed by any student.
- Materials classified **PG** Parental Guidance should only be used with students after careful consideration by teaching staff, Principal approval and parental permission granted for students under the age of 15. Material in this classification might upset, confuse, or frighten some students and an adult may be required to provide guidance to students. PG classified films may contain language and themes that are mild in impact. Parents may opt to withdraw their child from the viewing of material with a PG rating.
- Materials classified **M** Mature will only be considered for students over the age of 15 and will only be used with students after careful consideration by teaching staff, Principal approval and parental permission and when other related resource material is limited. Material in this classification may contain themes and scenes that require a mature perspective and may contain violence, nudity, language and themes or content of a moderate impact. Parents may opt to withdraw their child from the viewing of material with a M rating.
- Materials classified **M15+** Mature Accompanied will only be considered for viewing to students who are over the age of 15. This classification is legally restricted and proof of age must be ascertained prior to viewing. The material should have particular relevance to the course of study and should only be considered when other related resource material is unavailable. Teachers may select appropriate scenes from the material and view only these scenes. Materials classified M15+ will only be used with students after careful consideration by teaching staff, Principal approval and parental permission. Parents may opt to withdraw their child from the viewing of material with a M15+ rating.
- Materials classified **R18+**, **X18+** or **RC** WILL NOT be shown to any students under any circumstances.
- Written parental consent must be obtained for all movies viewed at Hungarian Community School, Adelaide Inc. Consent will be obtained at least one week prior or at the start of a school term.



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- Alternative learning activities will be provided to students who do not have parental permission to view the film.

Responsibilities

The Classification Board makes classification decisions about films, and has identified the impact that a film has depending on the film's classification. To ensure materials that are used at Hungarian Community School, Adelaide Inc. are age appropriate and support the teaching and learning the following responsibilities have been identified.

It is the Principal's responsibility to:

- Grant permission for use of films, documentaries, DVDs and audio-recordings
- Ensure all audio-visual and audio materials are suitable for use within the school and are an appropriate accompaniment to the educational program.

It is the teacher's responsibility to:

- Preview all audio-visual and audio materials prior to students viewing the material to determine the suitability of the material and consider whether the material is age appropriate.
- Identify how the audio-visual material is relevant to the current school program.
- Conduct a risk assessment for any material with a classification of PG, M or M15+.
- Seek parental permission prior to the viewing of any audio-material material.
- Provide alternative learning activities for those students who do not have parental permission.

Other Documents

South Australia Classifications (Publications, films and computer games) Act 1995.

[https://www.legislation.sa.gov.au/LZ/C/A/CLASSIFICATION%20\(PUBLICATIONS%20FILMS%20AND%20COMPUTER%20GAMES\)%20ACT%201995/CURRENT/1995.88.UN.PDF](https://www.legislation.sa.gov.au/LZ/C/A/CLASSIFICATION%20(PUBLICATIONS%20FILMS%20AND%20COMPUTER%20GAMES)%20ACT%201995/CURRENT/1995.88.UN.PDF)

National Copyright Guidelines: Film, Video/DVD: <http://www.smartcopying.edu.au/copyright-guidelines/what-can-i-copy-communicate-/2-5-film-video-dvd>



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Consent Form Viewing Films and DVDs

Hungarian Community School, Adelaide Inc. uses a variety of teaching and learning strategies in their learning programs. This includes the viewing of films, television documentaries, DVDs and videos from the internet. All films are previewed by the teacher prior to students watching them and are approved by the Principal for use within the classroom.

Films have different classifications and Hungarian Community School, Adelaide Inc. requires parental permission for viewing films with a rating of PG, M or M15+. **<Delete M or M15+ if you are a primary school>**

On **<insert date>** your child will be watching a film with a **<insert rating>**. The title of the film is **<insert title>**. The film is relevant to our current studies of **<insert description of current studies>**

Please return this permission slip below by **<insert date>**

<Teachers' Name> _____

<Teacher of class XX>

Teacher's Signature

Child's name: _____ Class: _____

I give permission for my child to view **<insert film name>**

OR

I do not give permission for my child to view **<insert film name>**. I understand alternative learning experiences will be provided for my child while the film is being viewed.