



## FILM VIEWING POLICY

### Preamble

The Australian Office of Film and Literature Classification Board has determined classifications of films as being suitable for particular age groups and it is with great caution that these classifications should be ignored. From a legal point of view, it means that even though a teacher considers it suitable for their class to view a particular film/program, this cannot be deemed suitable viewing for students at Tenison Woods College.

All teachers must obtain written parental consent for viewing excerpts of segments of any film, documentary or digital images which have a PG, M or MA15+ rating as per the following:

### Students aged under 15 years

The only film/programs which should be screened to students under 15 years without consent are films rated G. The College should not screen or take students under 15 years of age to films/programs with a PG rating unless they have written parental consent.

The College should not allow students to view films/programs with an M or MA15+ rating if the students are aged under 15.

The MA15+ category is a legally restricted category which prohibits students viewing MA15+ films unless in the company of a parent or adult guardian. A teacher is not regarded as a guardian.

### Students aged 15 years and over

Students aged 15 years and over can view films/programs rated G and PG without a consent.

All M and MA15+ films can ONLY be considered for students aged 15 years and over if formal written consent is obtained for ALL students in the class. While the classification of M means that it is "suitable for mature audiences 15 years and over", it is unlikely that all students in a particular class (even if aged 15+ years) will necessarily be considered "mature". Hence the need for written consent in all cases.

Viewing of R18+ rated films/programs is **strictly prohibited** and must never be organised for students – even with parental consent and regardless of the age of the student.

### Educational justification for Film Viewing

In all cases where a film/program or text is to be viewed, it is to be educationally justified according to the school curriculum and the Film Viewing form is filled in and submitted to the relevant Head of School.

### Prior viewing of Films

Teachers must ALWAYS preview a film / program and ensure is suitability prior to showing it to a class.

Please see the [Australian Classification](#) website for more information about classifications. Contact your Head of School, the Library Manager or the Deputy Principal if you have any questions.

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# FILM VIEWING FORM

Teacher's Name:		Date of viewing:	
Year level and group: (eg 8A)		Classification from AOFLC:	
Title of film:			
Educational rationale for viewing this film with this class:			
In line with the Tenison Woods College Film Viewing Policy, is written parental consent necessary?			Yes / No
If yes, has written permission been obtained from each class member?			Yes / No
Teacher's Signature:		Date:	
Head of School Signature:		Date	