

Croydon Community School & OPTIONS

Movie-Game Censor Policy



PURPOSE

This policy relates to all forms of movies and games available for student access at Croydon Community School & OPTIONS. It includes games students bring with them to school on their own electronic devices as well as any excursions organised as part of the school's program.

Whilst there are general censorship rules in place it is appropriate that given the special nature of the students in our care that additional considerations are given to how these classifications are interpreted and actioned at Croydon Community School and OPTIONS sites.

POLICY

G and PG – able to be viewed by all students without restriction

M

- Restricted to viewing and access to students over the age of 15 years only.
- Movies must be viewed by staff prior to showing to students and a risk assessment completed relating to issues/visuals in the movie and the specific students who will be viewing it. Whilst the movie may have been viewed at a prior time, it must be viewed again to enable specific consideration of the issues and students who will be viewing it.
- This should include serious and thorough consideration of all known historical issues relating to students.
- Staff should consult with colleagues to ensure that their knowledge of student histories is as complete as possible.

MA

- Restricted viewing and access for students over the age of 15 years only AND informed written permission must be obtained from parents/carers prior to viewing.
- Informed consent means that parents/carers must be informed in writing of the content in the movie which the censor has identified as making it MA.
- The movie/DVD must have a specific curriculum-linked purpose and not be for entertainment purposes. This information must be included in the forms sent home for parent/carer signature.
- Movies must be viewed by staff prior to showing to students and a risk assessment completed relating to issues/visuals in the movie and the specific students who will be viewing it.
- This should include serious and thorough consideration of all known historical issues relating to students. Staff should consult with colleagues to ensure that their knowledge of student histories is as complete as possible.
- MA games are not permitted at Croydon CS, including on student-owned devices. Appropriate consequences will be applied to remove games from all devices and ensure that they are not readily reinstated.

R

- Restricted (R) movies and games must not be shown or made available to any students at any time. This includes students over the age of 18 years.

REVIEW CYCLE

This policy was first developed in this format in March 2019 and will be reviewed as part of the school's three yearly review cycle or if guidelines change