

Video Policy

1. Copyright laws must be recognised and observed.
2. All material should be previewed by a member of the school's professional staff or guidance sought, eg. by means of an authoritative review to ensure that the video experience is appropriate to the particular curriculum segment in which it is to be used and the student's present stage of development.
3. The Film Classification Guidelines developed by the Classification Board of the Office of Film and Literature Classification can provide useful information in regard to the appropriateness of the video.

Rating	Description
G General	Suitable for all ages.
PG Parental Guidance Recommended	Should only be viewed by a person under the age of 15 years with the guidance of a parent or guardian of the person.
M Mature	Recommended for mature audiences 15 years and over. Material in this category cannot be recommended for those under 15 years.
MA Mature Accompanied	Restrictions apply to persons under the age of 15. This category is legally restricted. Children under 15 years are not allowed to see MA films in cinemas or hire them on video unless in the company of a parent or adult guardian.
R Restricted	This category is legally restricted to adults 18 years and over.

4. Material rated PG may be selected for viewing under the educational guidance of the teaching staff but great care should be taken to ensure suitability of material.
5. Material rated M and MA should only be provided for students who are 15 years and over. It should only be shown when other related resource material is limited and if the video has particular and special applicability. The mature perspective required for materials classified as MA should be a further consideration. Parents should be informed in writing before a video rated M or MA is shown and provided with the opportunity to withdraw their child from the viewing. At Katoomba High School, a letter with a return slip must be sent home, which identifies how the video material is tied to the Learning Program. The letter must be co-signed by the Principal and the Head teacher of the faculty concerned. Students whose parents do not provide written permission to view the video material must be provide with a supervised alternative learning activity.
6. Material rated R is not to be shown to students in schools under any circumstances.