



### 1. Rationale:

- 1.1. This policy governs the use of video, film and computer games by McKinnon Primary School. Material accessed via the Internet is governed by the Acceptable Use of Digital Resources Policy.
- 1.2. McKinnon 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:

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

### 2. Aims:

McKinnon 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) the school will inform parents and carers of the nature of the material being offered.
- 3.3. 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 4 August, 2016, from <http://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: October 2019

This policy was last ratified by School Council in: October 2016