Policy on recording, purchasing and screening of movies and DVDs

Introduction

The Xavier College Libraries are responsible for the purchasing of DVDs and recording of television programs to support the curriculum across the College as well as advising classroom teachers in their selection of appropriate resources.

Guidelines

• The Director of Library Services, as the College Copyright Manager, supported by the Audio Visual Coordinator and the Library Coordinators at Burke Hall and Kostka Hall, is legally responsible for ensuring that the Xavier Libraries comply with Australian Copyright law at all times. All movies shown by the Xavier Libraries must be legal copies, according to the requirements of the Copyright Amendment Act 2006 and appropriate to the age level of the audience.

• Permission to copy material that is protected by copyright is required at all times from the owner or owners of copyright. Failure to do this infringes copyright and carries steep and significant penalties.

• Movies downloaded from the Internet for free may be pirated copies and so copyright is infringed when the movie is downloaded.

• Any DVD played must be legitimately acquired and not be an infringing copy.

• Teachers need to ensure that the selection of teaching and learning resources, of all formats:
  o Considers the expected student learning outcomes and standards described in the curriculum documentation
  o Does not expose students to highly offensive or obscene materials or themes
  o Ensures that curriculum resources are suitable for the age group using them
  o Considers the particular needs of its students

Not permitted

• Movies on staff- or student owned thumb drives
• Movies on staff or student mobile devices
• Movies on staff or student laptops
• Movies on non-commercial DVDs
• Movies purchased from iMovies and similar legal sites as these are for personal use only.
Movie Classification / Rating

In Australia we have different classifications for films, computer games, newspaper, magazine and book publications. These classifications are handed down by the Office of Film and Literature Classification Board, which is an independent body set up by the Australian government.

The 4 classification codes which apply to and MUST be followed for screening of movies or other programs at Xavier College are:

- **G: General**
  
  This category is considered suitable for all viewers. Parents should feel confident that children can watch material in this classification without supervision. Material classified G will not be harmful or disturbing to children. Whether or not the film is intended for children, the treatment of themes and other classifiable elements will be careful and discreet.

- **PG: Parental guidance recommended**
  
  Material in this category contains depictions or references which could be confusing or upsetting to children without adult guidance. Material classified PG will not be harmful or disturbing to children. Parental consent is NOT REQUIRED when movies in this category are shown as movies will be screened with teacher supervision.

- **M: Recommended for Mature audiences**
  
  Is advisory and not legally restricted. However, material in this category cannot be recommended for those under 15 years of age. Films classified M contain material that is considered to be potentially harmful or disturbing to those under 15 years. Depictions and references to classifiable elements may contain detail. However, the impact will not be so strong as to require restriction. Parents and guardians may need to find out more about the film’s specific content, before deciding whether the material is suitable for their child. MUST NOT be shown to students below Year 9 unless written parental permission is obtained.

- **MA : 15+ Restricted**
  
  The MA category is legally restricted. Students under 15 will not be allowed to see MA films DVD unless in the company of a parent or adult guardian or teacher. Material classified MA deals with issues or contains depictions which require a mature perspective, contains strong content and is legally restricted to persons 15 years and over. It may contain classifiable elements such as sex scenes and drug use that are strong in impact. The impact of individual
elements or a combination of elements is considered likely to be harmful or disturbing to viewers **under 15 years of age.** Films shown in this category will be dependent on content – eg violence, sexual scenes, language etc – and **MUST NOT** be shown to students below **Year 10**

The content is high in impact. **R 18+** material is restricted to **adults.** Such material may contain classifiable elements such as sex scenes and drug use that are high in impact. Some material classified **R18+** may be offensive to sections of the adult community. These movies **MUST NOT** be shown at Xavier College

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