

2.19 Children’s Media Viewing

Policy Statement

Middle Park State School Outside School Hours Care recognises and acknowledges that technology and media viewing form part of a varied and balanced program, relevant to the needs and interests of children. Therefore, this policy aims to establish guidelines for children’s media viewing while at Middle Park State School Outside School Hours Care.

Related Policies

- 2.2 Statement of Commitment to the Safety and Wellbeing of Children
- 2.15 Children’s Property and Belongings
- 3.1 Educational Program Design and Implementation
- 3.7 Physical Activity
- 4.3 Hygiene, Health and Wellbeing Practices
- 9.3 Interactions and Communication with Families
- 10.16 Intellectual Property and Copyright

Roles and Responsibilities

Approved Provider	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Support the Nominated Supervisor to create and review policies to maintain the high standards of education and care dictated by the service’s philosophy and vision statements.• Be aware of the Australian Film and Literature Classifications
Nominated Supervisor	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Establish policies to reflect the standard of care expected for the service.• Ensure the program and delivery of service meets the expectation of the policy.
Educational Leader	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ensures the program meets the needs and voices of the children and Middle Park State School Outside School Hours Care community, and is in line with relevant classification guidelines.
All Staff	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ensure any media viewed or accessed by children is consistent with the services standards for rating/classification.

Procedures

Service Responsibilities

Middle Park State School Outside School Hours Care will ensure that children’s media viewing is incorporated as part of a varied and balanced program designed to enhance children’s learning and experiences while in care. It will be reflective of a holistic assessment of the child’s day and opportunities for physical activity and their overall health promotion.

Middle Park State School Outside School Hours Care will collaborate with families and children in setting guidelines for media viewing within the program. Strategies implemented may include designated times for media and/or technology viewing. The use of media viewing and the time afforded to it will remain the discretion of Middle Park State School Outside School Hours Care Management.

Middle Park State School Outside School Hours Care will ensure that all material viewed by children as part of the educational program is age appropriate and consistent with the Australian Film and Literature Classifications:

- (G) - The content is **very mild** in impact and is for general viewing. However, some G-classified films or computer games may contain content that is not of interest to children; or
- (PG) – The content is **mild** in impact however, films and computer games may contain content that a parent or caregiver might need to explain to younger children as it may be confusing or upsetting to them.

Educator Responsibilities

Educators will ensure that all material viewed by children, whether provided as part of Middle Park State School Outside School Hours Care program or bought from a child’s home, is age appropriate and consistent with the Australian Film and Literature Classifications (G) or (PG). Middle Park State School Outside School Hours Care will request that children to only bring videos, DVDs, games or music that are suitable for viewing. Viewing on personal electronic devices (e.g. iPads) will not be permitted during term

time. Viewing will be permitted during Vacation Care in accordance with the afore mentioned conditions and at the discretion of Middle Park State School Outside School Hours Care Management.

Family Responsibilities

Parents/guardians will ensure that all videos, DVDs, games or music bought to Middle Park State School Outside School Hours Care by their children are consistent with this policy and are G or PG rated.

Relevant Laws and Provisions

- *Education and Care Services National Law Act, 2010 and Regulations 2011*
- *Australian 24-Hour Movement Guidelines for Children and Young People (5-17 years)*
- *National Quality Standard, Quality Areas: 1 – Educational program and practice; 2 – Children’s health and safety; and 6 - Collaborative partnerships with families and communities*
- *National Classification Code (May 2005) – as in Commonwealth Classification (Publications, Films and Computer Games) Act 1995.*

Policy Controls			
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