

# Mornington Special Developmental School INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT/SEXTING POLICY

## Rationale:

## Definition:

It is Mornington Special Developmental School policy that a student may not possess, view, send, or share pictures or text having sexual content while the student is on school grounds, at school sponsored events or on school buses or other vehicles provided by MSDS.

This policy strictly prohibits sexual material in electronic or any other form and includes but is not limited to the sexual material contained in a cellular telephone, camera phone, or personal digital assistant and sexual material transmitted by text message, e-mail, or any electronic communication device. A student who violates this policy is subject to suspension or expulsion.

It is also a violation of Victorian criminal law to possess, create, photograph, exhibit, or disseminate certain categories of material of a sexual nature that meet the definitions of child exploitation or child pornography.

## Implementation:

School personnel have the right to confiscate any materials and to confiscate and turn off any devices, including students' personal devices (E.g. iPads/iPhones) containing inappropriate content. All instances of inappropriate materials at school will be reported to the school Principal.

School personnel are required to report to the Principal and/or law enforcement or child protective services whenever there is reason to believe that any student or other person is involved with child exploitation or child pornography.

A person who is convicted of child exploitation or adjudicated a juvenile delinquent for violating the child exploitation statute is required to register with the State of Victoria as a sex offender.

## Evaluation:

The policy will be reviewed annually.

This policy was last ratified by School Council in....	2/2020	
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