Controversial resource notification

Dear parent/ guardian,

The select syllabus syllabus integrates the study of quality select an option as an important and assessable component of students’ studies in the Creative arts. Each artform within the Creative arts contains a mandatory component related to appreciating or evaluating varying forms of professional works from the creative and performing arts industry.

Schools make decisions at a local level for the types of select an option studied in their schools. These decisions are based on student needs, community context and resources. From time to time, students in [year xx] may be required to study a text that may be considered controversial.

The study of controversial issues is acceptable for educational purposes consistent with the delivery of curriculum and provision of school programs and activities.

School staff will manage controversial issues that may arise in the curriculum. Material presented to students as part of school programs and school activities should be:

* age appropriate
* sensitive to student needs
* relevant to the curriculum
* relevant to the school’s purpose and goals
* consistent with the core values outlined in Values in NSW public schools policy.

Schools are places where students are preparing for active informed and reasoned involvement in community life through the co-operative study of social issues.

As stated above, Creative arts resources are carefully selected and are used to best illustrate the outcomes and objectives of the syllabus.

If you have any concerns please discuss this with the school.

Yours in sincerely,

Head teacher name/signature

## Suggested permission note

Dear parent/guardian,

The Creative arts integrates the study of professional select an option as an important and assessable component of students’ studies. From time-to-time students in [Year 10/11/12] may be required to view content that contains confronting language or themes equivalent to an ‘M’ rating.

These select an option are always carefully selected and are only used to best illustrate learning content. Teachers will always be sensitive to students in the class and guide them through the themes and issues presented in the select an option.

The Department of Education requires the school seek parental permission to view content or show films in secondary schools that carry a rating of ‘M’. Please note that ‘MA’- films are age restricted and will never be shown without separate written consent and are, in fact, only to be used by teachers addressing HSC course prescriptions approved by the NSW Education Standards Authority.

Please sign the consent below for your child to view carefully selected content. If you would like to discuss this issue further or would like further clarification, please contact me at X High School on X.

Yours in sincerely,

Head Teacher name/signature

I give my permission for \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ class \_\_\_\_\_\_\_to:

View carefully selected select an option that are equivalent to/carry an ‘M’ rating.

Or

I would like a separate note sent home for each ‘M’ rated select an option studied throughout the year.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Dated: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_