1. **RATIONALE**
   Catholic educators have an inherent duty of care to protect students from materials, which may be harmful to their development. At St Patrick’s the selection, management and use of resources is monitored with this in mind.

2. **AIMS**
   At St Patrick’s we aim to:
   - Select, manage and use age appropriate resource materials in classrooms.
   - Encourage the teaching of critical literacy skills in all KLA areas.
   - Assist students in making appropriate value judgements in relations to their use of a variety of resources.

3. **IMPLEMENTATION**
   Use the CSO Censorship guidelines to inform practice in the following areas:
   - Print Media (magazines, literature, newspaper & teacher resources)
   - Establish staff teams and committees to identify and select age – appropriate texts and teaching resources.
   - Teach students critical information literacy skills- define, locate, select, organise, present and evaluate as a part of using print media.
   - Electronic Media (CD ROMs, E-mail, Internet, Software)
   - Develop and implement Acceptable Use Agreement (in Acceptable Use on Internet Policy)
   - Restrict access to software where deemed inappropriate.
   - Monitor student use of computer access.

4. **HUMAN RESOURCES** (including guest speakers, performers and volunteers)
   - Establish expectations for visiting artists regarding use of language content and actions.
   - Inform parents regarding the nature of presentations by visiting speakers.

5. **FILM, MUSIC AND BROADCAST MEDIA**
   - Advise parents before hand of the use of rated visual selections eg. Personal development Media.
   - Select appropriately rated visual and music media for student viewing.

6. **EVALUATION**
   This policy will be evaluated every three years or as the need arises.

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