

Help for non-English speakers



If you need help to understand the information in this policy please contact Mount Clear College on 03 5330 1500 or mount.clear.co@education.vic.gov.au

Purpose

To explain to members of our school community the circumstances in which Mount Clear College may decide to treat a student as a mature minor to enable them to independently make decisions about their education, health and welfare.

Scope

This policy may be applied to some or all decisions involving a student's education, health and welfare.

Policy

Mount Clear College will ordinarily engage with a student's parents/carers about a student's education and welfare unless the Principal (or their nominee) decides it is not in the best interests of the student to do so.

The Principal (or their nominee) is responsible for determining whether a student is a mature minor for the purpose of making a particular decision about their education or welfare. A student may be treated as a mature minor for some decisions and not for others. The Principal will decide whether a student should be treated as a mature minor on a case by case basis and may consult with school staff including **the school leadership team, year level coordinators, wellbeing staff and Student Support Services** where appropriate.

When assessing whether a student should be treated as a mature minor for the purposes of a particular decision, the Principal (or their nominee) will consider:

- the best interests of the student
- the student's age, maturity level, understanding of the issues and consequences associated with the decision
- their living arrangements (independence)
- the student's academic results, attendance and engagement at school

The Principal must be satisfied that the student has sufficient maturity, understanding and intelligence to comprehend the nature and effect of the particular decision.

Students who would like more information about the Department's *Mature Minors* policy, and how it might apply to them should contact the College on 53301500.

Communication

This policy will be communicated to our school community in the following ways:

- A link to the policy is included in the staff handbook provided to staff during induction
- Policy updates are discussed at staff meetings/briefings and advised on the Bulletin
- Made available publicly on our school website <https://mountclearcollege.vic.edu.au/policies-and-documents>
- A link to all school policies is included in transition and enrolment packs
- Students and families will be notified of updates via Compass
- School Council
- Included as annual reference in the school newsletter
- Made available in hard copy from school administration upon request

Further Information and Resources

The Department's Policy and Advisory Library: [Mature Minors and Decision Making](#)

Review Cycle and Evaluation

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Person Responsible	Student Services Coordinator / Principal
Next Review Date	August 2025



Mature Minors Policy

Support Documentation - Attachment 1

Name of Student		Date of Birth	/	/	Year Level	
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History

Considerations

Supporting Evidence

Reasons/purpose the young person should be considered a mature minor

Outcome			
Mature Minor	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	
If 'No', why?			
Name of Principal			
Signature of Principal		Date	/ /