



Help for non-English speakers If you need help to understand the information in this policy, please contact the College on 85990500 and ask to speak to your child's Year Level Leader who can arrange an interpreter.

1. Purpose & Rationale

To explain to members of our school community the circumstances in which Sandringham College may recognise a student as a mature minor, enabling them to independently make decisions about their education, health and welfare.

2. Scope

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

3. Implementation

Sandringham 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 recognised as a mature minor for some decisions and not for others. The principal (or their nominee) 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 Assistant Principals, the school leadership team, Heads of Year/Year Level Leaders, wellbeing staff and Student Support Services where appropriate.

When assessing whether a student should be recognised 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 their Head of Year or Campus Principal.

4. References

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

5. Policy Review and Approval

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