

# MELBOURNE HIGH SCHOOL

## MATURE MINORS POLICY

Help for non-English speakers

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### PURPOSE

To explain to members of our school community the circumstances in which Melbourne High School 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

Melbourne High School 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 (or their nominee) will decide whether a student should be treated as a mature minor on a case-

## FURTHER INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

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

## POLICY REVIEW AND APPROVAL

Policy last reviewed