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Can a teacher/ school management place a surveillance camera in a classroom where classroom management issues arise?

Mr. Peter Roberts from ISV on 24/08/2015 responded that

The Surveillance Devices Act 1999 (Vic.) provides the legal framework around the use of security cameras (CCTV) and the Department of Education has information about CCTV on its website at <http://www.education.vic.gov.au/school/principals/spag/management/Pages/security.aspx#2>

I have also attached a document that lists the issues that need to be considered of security cameras are going to be installed anywhere in a school.

My view is that it is very problematic if cameras were to be installed in classrooms to address the issues you have mentioned and you should avoid doing it.

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Do we have to put a sign “Surveillance Camera” on the corridors that we have surveillance cameras?

Mr. Peter Roberts from ISV on 1/03/2016 responded that

You should have signage that informs people that there are cameras at the school. You don't necessarily have to put the signs where the cameras are located.

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If an incident happens in the corridor and had a conflict with a parent, can we use the recording in the court?

Mr. Peter Roberts from ISV on 1/03/2016 responded that

I am not sure what would happen to a recording in relation to a court case. You may wish to speak to the police or seek legal advice.

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