

CCTV FAQ at Sylvania High School

Why does Sylvania High School need CCTV?

It is believed that CCTV footage would assist the school in the resolution of:

- Trespass that may occur either during or out of normal school hours
- Protection of school capital infrastructure
- More effective response to alarm breaches by School Security
- Incidents that may occur on the playground that require school intervention.
- Incidents that result in injury and must be investigated under WHS regulations.

Where will SHS install CCTV?

The proposed locations include all playground areas including the North and South basketball courts, the quadrangle and the oval.

Is this surveillance continuous?

Yes. Surveillance will occur 24 hours a day in the designated areas and all year round.

Will students, staff and parents be notified when the CCTV system will be operational?

Yes. There will be a minimum of 2 weeks notice via email to staff and announcement on assembly to students once the system is installed. Executive staff will represent staff in their agreement with the school when CCTV operation begins. Parents will be notified by email.

Who is involved in the decision making process as to whether SHS gets CCTV?

While the ultimate decision rests with the Principal, the School Council who represents all stakeholders has been consulted extensively in the proposal and support the rationale for CCTV installation. Safety and Security Directorate has also supplied their expertise in the design of this CCTV solution.

Is video data stored?

Video data is stored for a 6 week period before being automatically erased. Specific data may be stored temporarily should an incident need to be investigated or resolved by the school. All video data is stored securely on dedicated servers.

Who can access the CCTV system and stored data?

Only the Principal, Deputy Principals and any relieving senior executive staff will be able to access the CCTV system and stored video data. Police will also be able to access data if on official business but are required to make an official request before video data is released. Parents, students and other staff cannot access video data under any circumstances.

How will we know if the CCTV is active?

Signs will be displayed at all entrances once the CCTV is operational to notify those entering the site.