

## **FAMILY SYNDICATE ROOM POLICY OF THE MONASH POSTGRADUATE ASSOCIATION INC.**

VERSION AS AT MAY 2017

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#### 1. Application

This policy applies to all users of the Family Syndicate room or area designated by the MPA to be the Family Syndicate room wherever situate from time to time. This policy constitutes the terms and conditions of use of the room.

#### 2 Authorising Provision

This policy is made pursuant to the Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012 (Vic) and subject to the MPA Constitution.

#### 3. Purpose

This policy determines the applicable rules and governance pertaining to the MPA Family Syndicate room.

#### 4. Meanings

“MPA Family Syndicate Room” is currently located at the Caulfield MPA Postgraduate Lounge (Level 2, Building C), adjacent to the MPA office reception. However the location may change from time to time.

“Permitted Use” The MPA Syndicate room may only be used for study purposes.

“Prohibited Use” means any unauthorised use of the MPA Syndicate room and includes child-minding services by whosoever provided.

“Postgraduate student” means a currently enrolled postgraduate student at Monash University

#### 5. Variation

This policy may be updated at any time and shall be placed on the MPA Website.

#### 6. Use of MPA Syndicate room

The MPA Syndicate room is intended as a study space for parents with children for permitted use and may not be utilised for any prohibited use.

#### 7. Amenities, Facilities and Resources

The MPA will make every endeavour to equip the Family Syndicate room with:

- Study space for 2 people
- Two office chairs
- White board and markers.

And include:

- Child activity table with two chairs
- Art utensils with a mini blackboard, whiteboard and drawing paper
- Reading corner with books for all ages Toys and puzzles
- Playmat and cushions.

## 8. Room booking protocol

8.1 The MPA Syndicate room will be available for booking from Monday to Friday (commencing Monday 29 May 2017) between 11:00am and 5:00pm and can be booked for a maximum of 3 hours per day per postgraduate.

8.2 To book the MPA Syndicate room, postgraduate students must email the [Caulfield receptionist \(mpa-caulfield@monash.edu\)](mailto:mpa-caulfield@monash.edu) with their booking request, and provide the following details:

- their name
- the requested date;
- the requested start time and end time;
- The purpose of the booking e.g., individual study/group study/meeting.

8.3 Bookings will not be confirmed until the postgraduate student(s) requesting the booking receive an email confirming the booking by the MPA.

8.4 Confirmation of booking emails will be sent within 24 hours of the request (between Monday and Friday).

8.5 First time users will be required to fill in a registration form at the MPA reception. The registration form will be valid until the end of each academic year.

## 9. Child Safety Obligations

9.1 A child brought to any Monash University campus must be under the direct supervision of an accompanying parent or guardian at all times, and responsibility and obligations for all aspects of that child's behaviour, welfare and safety are vested in that parent or guardian.

9.2 The MPA Syndicate room booking applicants must have read the Monash University policy and procedures for bringing children on campus as in existence and valid at the time of the application. Please see [here](https://www.monash.edu/ohs/info-docs/safety-topics/events-and-people/children-on-campus):  
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9.3 The MPA Syndicate room can only be utilised for permitted uses; including but not limited to; small group meetings of postgraduate students, individual study.

9.4 Equipment, toys or furniture shall not be removed.

9.5 Only Monash University postgraduate students with children are permitted to book and use the MPA Syndicate room. Family members and friends of postgraduates with children are not permitted to use the room.

9.6 The MPA Syndicate room can be used by individual parents or shared by two parents studying together. Any exceptions to this need to be requested from the mpa ([mpa-caulfield@monash.edu](mailto:mpa-caulfield@monash.edu)) prior to booking and confirmed by a staff member in writing.

## 10. MPA obligations

10.1 The MPA will endeavour to present the MPA Syndicate room in a clean condition fit for study purposes. The MPA is not the owner of the room. MPA administers it on behalf of Monash University. Any faults or hazards in the Syndicate room must be brought to the attention of the MPA staff immediately upon discovery. Any complaints about the heating or cooling must be reported to the MPA. MPA staff will then report the matter to the Monash University Building a Facilities Services.

10.2 The MPA takes no responsibility for personal loss of items or injury suffered as a result of the use or occupation of the MPA Syndicate room and makes no warranties whatsoever in respect to the use.

10.3 Failure to comply with these regulations may result in an exclusion from the MPA Syndicate room and/or any other MPA administered space and may be reported to the University authorities without notification.