## **Video Shooting tips**

- 1. Script your production. Make storyboards. Have a plan before you start shooting.
- 2. Find creative backgrounds for your shots.
- 3. Good video is 80% good lighting. Make sure your lighting is not too light or too dark. Set the exposure so faces can be seen clearly.
- 4. Set your White Balance for correct colors.
- 5. Unless you are going for a specific look, make sure your camera is level not tilting to the left or right.
- 6. Set and lock your AutoFocus/AutoExposure (AF/AE) before you begin your shot.
- 7. For a steady shot, use a tripod or rest the camera against a steady surface don't handhold it.
- 8. For moving shots using slow, smooth movements works best.
- 9. Avoid unnecessary zooms and pans.
- 10. Make sure your shots are in focus.
- 11. Make sure your audio is clear and easy to understand, listening with headphones to confirm the quality. Consider a lavelier or directional microphone.
- 12. If you have setting options, shoot your video in HD (not 4K).

## **Cell Phone Shooting tips**

- 1. Set your phone to Airplane mode so it doesn't ring in the middle of your shot.
- 2. Don't use your phone's built-in microphone.
- 3. Don't use your phone's digital zoom.
- 4. Make sure your battery is charged enough to power your phone for your entire shot.
- 5. Shoot in Landscape mode, not Portrait mode.



Plan shots with a Storyboard



Use a Tripod for a steady shot



**Directional Microphone** 



**Find a Creative Background** 



Lavelier Microphone



**Shoot in Landscape Mode**