



Mobile Phone Policy of Sancta Maria College

While Sancta Maria College accepts that it is a student's right to have a mobile phone, the following policy aims to maintain a safe, nurturing environment where the personal dignity and rights of all the members of the school community are preserved. In order to assist the school in implementing this policy, parents/guardians are asked not to arrange to contact their daughters by mobile phone at any time during the school day. Contact with the school may be made through the office at 01 493 4887 and students are directed to the office phone in emergencies.

1. Where a student brings a mobile phone to school, the phone must be switched off and secured in a locker during the school day. No student may have a mobile phone, on her person or in her school bag between **8:30am and 3:45pm**.
2. Students found in contravention of (1) will have phones confiscated for five school days.
3. No photographs can be taken or recordings, video or audio, made with mobile phones. Using phones in such a way can seriously infringe on people's rights and appropriate sanctions may be imposed.
4. Incidents where students use mobile phones to bully other students or send offensive messages or calls will be investigated under the anti-Bullying policy. It should be noted that it is a criminal offence to use a mobile phone to menace, harass or offend another person. As such, the school may consider it appropriate to involve the Gardai in such incidents.
5. The school accepts no responsibility for replacing lost, stolen or damaged mobile phones. The safety and security of mobile phones is wholly a matter for students/parents.
6. It is strongly advised that students mark their mobile phones with their names and use passwords to ensure that unauthorised phone calls cannot be made on their phones.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Date: _____

Student Signature: _____

Date: _____

This policy was adopted by the Board of Management on 13th December 2011

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Signed Tom Loughnane
Chairperson of Board of
Management

Signed: Gerardine Kennedy
Principal

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