



Rosemont School - Code of Behaviour

As a school with a Catholic ethos, Rosemont aims at providing an atmosphere in which personal growth (intellectual, spiritual, emotional, cultural and social) is fashioned and quality relationships with others are nurtured in accordance with Christian virtues.

Our goal in Rosemont is to develop students who are well mannered, sensitive to the needs of others, proud of their accomplishments, self-disciplined, responsible and articulate. They are also expected to be active, positive participants in the learning process. The code of behaviour is to guide students and help them rise to this expected behaviour in relation to their **professional competence, timetable, punctuality, and respect for others and for school property.**

Its aim is to help students to be:

- Responsible for their work and assignments
- Responsible for their conduct and values
- Courteous to others
- Clear and honest in their communications
- Accepting of and respectful of the differences of others
- Genuinely concerned for their fellow students.

1. **Professional Competence**

Learn effectively in class:

- Follow teacher's instructions carefully.
- Listen and follow explanations as this facilitates homework.
- Be sure your mind is centred on the subject being taught.

Study Effectively:

- Have a homework plan and study timetable for each day. Follow it.
- Be eager to learn and be convinced that you can do it.
- Use homework notebook to record all homework. Do all work, both written and learning thoroughly and neatly each night.
- If unable to complete homework through illness or for any other reason please ask one of your parents to write a note for the Class Teacher in your school journal.
- Any homework, both written and learning not handed up will be recorded in the journal.

Have the correct books and equipment:

- Each pupil must have all the books prescribed in the booklist as well as her own set of equipment for the different subjects.



- Books and equipment required for each class should be on the desk at the beginning of the class.

2. **Observing timetable and use of free time**

- Students must arrive in time for all classes.
- All late arrivals will be recorded.
- Students do not leave the classroom except for break and lunch time. If, exceptionally a pupil needs to leave the classroom between classes she asks permission from the **incoming** teacher.
- Students are not to leave the school grounds without permission. Sixth years have permission to go out during the school lunch time on the days agreed on at the start of the school year.

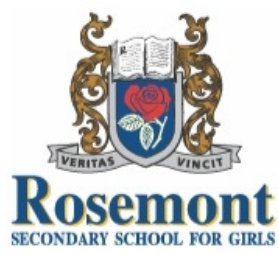
Note for parents: The Education (Welfare) Act 2000 specified in section 18 that parents must notify the school where a child is absent from the school during part of a school day or for more than a school day.

The same act also specifies in section 21 that the Principal must inform the designated welfare officer when, among other things a) a pupil has been suspended for more than 6 days and b) when a pupil is absent for a total of 20 school days.

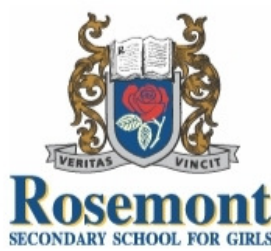
As a result of this we remind you to please ring in and send in a note when a student will be absent for part or all the day and that no pupil will be allowed to leave the school unless a parent has been in contact. This applies to illness, appointments, trips to Blackrock etc.

3. **Dress code, personal appearance and behaviour**

- It is important to wear the school uniform **well**. This means wearing all the correct items of uniform as specified in the uniform list.
- This especially includes wearing the correct school jacket and shoes coming to and from school, at debates, hockey/basketball matches and school outings.
- Hair must be neat and tied back from the face at all times. Only natural hair colour dyes are acceptable.
- A maximum of 2 rings and one pair of stud earrings can be worn. No necklaces, bracelets or any other jewellery may be worn. The only exception to this rule is the fáinne.
- Senior pupils (Transition, Fifth and Sixth Years) may wear discreet make up.



- Smoking, in any part of the school building or its environs is **illegal** under current legislation and as such is forbidden. Smoking while in school uniform and or involved in any school related activity is also prohibited.



4. **Respect for others**

and for school property

- Courtesy, refinement and respect are to be practised at all times towards staff and other pupils. This includes not only behaviour in class, in the school grounds, at sports, on the bus, but with the public at large.
- Respect for peers and members of other classes should be promoted at all times. This includes the older classes getting to know and take responsibility for younger pupils.
- Negative behaviour towards others, including personal remarks and bad language is unacceptable and will not be tolerated.
- Pupils should not interfere with the property of another in any way.
- Pupils must show respect for school property. Chewing gum is forbidden in the school. All litter (in classroom and grounds) must be placed in the bins provided.
- Keep the classroom neat and tidy at all times.
- The fire escapes must be kept clear and should be used as fire escape routes only.

This code of behaviour is designed to outline for students, parents and staff the many rights and responsibilities that are part of our school. It is the balancing of rights and responsibilities that guarantees that the interests of any person will not unreasonably interfere with the interests of the other members of the school. Effective discipline is a very positive feature of any school. Appropriate behaviour is positively rewarded, while inappropriate behaviour is identified and met with professionalism, reasonable consistency and fairness.

The school journal is an important part of Home and School communication and the care and use of the journal as a point of contact is essential. Parents are required to view and sign the journal at least weekly – both diary and teacher comment form.

Procedures for dealing with inappropriate behaviour and action that will be taken:

- The teacher, in the class will deal with any such behaviour.
- Late arrivals, absenteeism and behaviour outside of class will be dealt with by the Class Teacher. Parents will be informed either by phone or by letter.
- Repeated and serious misbehaviour will be referred to the Deputy Principal.
- If there is no improvement Parents will be asked in to see the Class Teacher and Deputy Principal and/or the Principal.

Action

a) Uniform:

If a pupil comes to school with no or incorrect uniform she will be asked to wear a clean, spare uniform provided by the school.



Excess
until the end
Mobile

and lunchtime (this includes sending or receiving messages) will be confiscated until the end of term or until such time as a parent or guardian is able to come to claim it back.

jewellery will be confiscated
of term.

phones used outside break

b) Punctuality, Work and Respect

Once off misbehaviour will be dealt with by a simple reprimand and/or reasoning with the pupil.

Repeated and more serious offences will result in more serious action taken. This action will include a graded set of sanction/s and can include:

- Extra school work.
- Withdrawal from privileges/outings/fun activities.
- Saturday morning detention.
- Temporary in-school suspension.
- Temporary out of school suspension.
- Expulsion.

c) Smoking, drug and alcohol related offences:

Because of the serious nature of these offences any misbehaviour will warrant **immediate out of school temporary suspension and in the case of drug offences the Principal will recommend expulsion to the Board of Management.**

The school authorities reserve the right to apply appropriate sanctions on pupils for failure to comply with the guidelines contained in this Code of Behaviour.

AGREEMENT

I have read the Code of Behaviour and I agree to abide by their terms and to support the School in upholding the standards set out in these documents.

Signed _____ Parent/Guardian

Signed _____ Parent/Guardian

Date _____

I agree to accept the Code of Behaviour

Signed _____ Student

Date _____