



# DOMINICAN COLLEGE MUCKROSS PARK

## MOBILE PHONE POLICY (Ratified by BOM 29<sup>th</sup> November 2011)

While Muckross Park College accepts that it is a pupil'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.

- Mobile phones must be switched off and kept in a locker during the school day. No pupil may have a mobile phone on her person during the school day.
- 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.
- Incidents where pupils use mobile phones to bully other pupils 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 Gardaí in such incidents.
- 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 pupils / parents.
- It is strongly advised that pupils mark their mobile phones with their names and use passwords to ensure that unauthorised phone calls cannot be made on their phones.
- Contravention of this policy will result in confiscation of the phone for a period specified in the School Rules.

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Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
Chairperson of Board of Management

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
Principal

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_