

Loreto College Cavan



Mobile Phone Policy

Loreto College Cavan students are allowed the use of mobile phones for teaching and learning purposes only. The use of mobile phones by students before or during the school day (8:45-15:45) is strictly prohibited unless explicitly authorised by a teacher for teaching and learning purposes only. Each teacher has the right to allow, or not allow, mobile phones in their classroom for educational purposes. Having a mobile phone is not a requirement for any student.

When used in class phones are to remain flat on the student's desk. Under GDPR the videoing/photographing of any aspect of school life, which is not for the purpose of teaching and learning, is strictly prohibited. Furthermore, the uploading of videos/photographs (which are not for the purposes of teaching and learning) and taken on school property to social media platforms is strictly prohibited.

Students may only connect their mobile phone to the 'Student Wifi'. Other devices such as smart watches etc are not allowed to be connected. The use of smartwatches during class tests, term examinations and the state examinations are strictly prohibited.

Students are not allowed the use of mobile phones before school or throughout the school day, including breaks. Phones must be powered off (unseen and unheard) during the school day. If parents need to contact a student urgently, they should do so by telephoning the school at 049-4332881.

Students are allowed the use of their mobile phones after school ends (15:45 onwards) and must follow the schools current code of behaviour, otherwise phones must not be used during school hours unless authorised by a teacher. Special permission may be granted for student use of mobile phones on extra- curricular activities and evening school activities by the supervising teacher. Strict enforcement of the code of behaviour will still apply.

If a student is found using their mobile phone during school hours where permission has not been given, it will be confiscated immediately and may be collected from the Deputy Principal's office at 15:45 - Monday to Thursday and 13:00 on a Friday. Phones must be powered off upon confiscation. A lunch time detention will be given on the first and second offence and an after school detention on the third offence. Continued breach of the mobile phone policy will require further sanctions as per the code of behaviour (up to and including suspension and expulsion). Loreto College Cavan takes no responsibility for any personal property including mobile phones. This is the student's responsibility.