

A Code of Conduct for Aranmore Students

At Aranmore, one of the very important parts of our Vision Statement is how we relate to each other. This policy focuses on how we should treat our friends, our peers and our staff by emphasising the basic aspects of good relationships. These are good manners, politeness and courtesy to all members of the community. It is designed to remind us of the ways we can easily do this: in our interpersonal relationships, in the classroom, in the grounds, as representatives of our College outside school and obviously at home.

Relating to Others

- address each other by name
- allow people to have a conversation without interrupting
- always use “please” and “thank you”
- rough and foul language has no place at Aranmore
- accept correction without answering back
- treat guests to the College with special respect
- talking, shouting and whistling are inappropriate at assemblies, performances and public gatherings
- speak in a language that all members of the group can understand
- avoid making personal comments about other people’s physical attributes or bodies
- attend to personal hygiene – minimise body-odour and ensure your clothes are always well laundered
- keep your personal grooming private – use lip-gloss, comb hair, roll-on deodorant in the change-rooms or toilets but never in a public place or a classroom
- cover your mouth when you cough, sneeze
- spitting in public offends other people
- respect other people’s ‘personal space’

In The Classroom

- wait for the teacher before entering the classroom
- be on time for class and have your books ready
- knock and wait for an invitation to enter if a class is in progress
- raise your hand if you wish to speak to the teacher
- the chewing of gum is not permitted
- respectfully acknowledge the presence of the Principal or visitors on their entrance to the room
- respect your own property and that of others. Do not deface or take without permission
- laughing loudly, shouting, calling out and screaming are not acceptable

On the Verandahs

- show respect for others by being quiet outside classrooms where people are working
- keep to the left on verandahs and stairs and keep doorways clear stand aside to let adults pass

In the Yard

- respect the environment by placing rubbish in the bins
- spitting is not acceptable
- fighting is not tolerated
- aggressive, violent language is not tolerated

At the Canteen

- wait your turn
- do not push in or hold places
- say “please” and “thank you”

At Sport

- accept the umpire's decision without complaint
- applaud outstanding performances
- congratulate the winner
- booing is unacceptable

In Public

- respect yourself and your school by wearing the uniform correctly on public transport, always be ready to offer your seat to an adult, and be especially courteous to the elderly, the disabled or those with children – assist them when you can.
- stand aside while adults enter the train or bus.
- ensure your bag or backpack does not block the aisles or 'bump' other people with whom you are sharing transport
- keep the volume of your iPod at a level which does not intrude on other passengers on public transport
- rowdy and noisy behaviour in public is inappropriate in any context.
- ensure the language you use does not offend near-by passengers - avoid the use of swear-words or obscenities.
- do not vandalise property