

Code of Behaviour for Students

167th Academic Year

Blackrock College Values

Be Caring Be There Be Truthful Be Grateful Be Respectful

Our 'Be-Attitudes' represent a way of life, they are values that we live by daily. The behaviour of everyone in our community should be governed by these values at all times so that we may create a truly caring community, respectful of each other and our environment.

Each student and a parent/guardian are required to sign the Student Contract at the start of the academic year. This contract confirms commitment to the Code of Behaviour for 2026-2027.

GENERAL REGULATIONS

- A breach of any College Value will incur a sanction.
- A student, or a student party to a group, who brings the College community into disrepute whilst identifiable as a member of the College, is subject to sanction.
- The College authorities reserve the right to resign the charge of a student for persistent idleness, failure to act in support of our Values or for any other reason judged by them to be in the interest of the common good.
- A student should not make contact or engage with a staff member on social media at any time. To do so in any fashion would be deemed to be a serious breach of regulation.

Each student is entitled to an education free from fear and intimidation. Bullying is not tolerated in Blackrock College.

SPECIFIC REGULATIONS

- On regulation days students **must check-in twice daily before 8.30am and 1.35pm. Students are deemed late after these times. Check-in commences at 8.10am.**
- 2nd and 3rd Year students may not leave the school grounds during the school day. **Breach of this regulation will incur external suspension.**
- Absence from class without permission is unacceptable. **Breach of this regulation will incur external suspension.**
- Display of an uncaring attitude towards any member of the school community, or towards its property, is unacceptable. **Breach of this regulation will incur external suspension.**
- The College is a mobile phone free zone during the school day. Students must keep their phones turned off and locked in their Yondr pouches for the duration of the school day. **Sanctions apply as per the Mobile Phone Policy.**
- College managed devices are the only devices permitted within the College. Students may not use any other device in the College. **Breach of this regulation will incur a sanction.**
- Chewing gum is forbidden within the College. **Breach of this regulation will incur a sanction.**
- Possession and/or the use of the following items is forbidden within the College grounds or while attending College-related activities: cigarettes, vapes, e-cigarettes, snus and all nicotine products. **Breach of this regulation will incur external suspension.**
- Possession of, or the consumption of, alcohol or illegal substances is prohibited whilst engaged in any College or College-related activity. **Failure to observe this regulation may lead to the College resigning the charge of a student.**

OUT OF BOUNDS

In the interest of Health & Hygiene, propriety and safety, areas in the College grounds and surrounding areas (listed on the College noticeboards) are out of bounds. It is the responsibility of each student to be aware of these areas which may be adjusted during the course of the school year. Breach of the regulation may include suspension.

DETENTION

Detention may be imposed at the discretion of the Dean for unsatisfactory application, dress and deportment, punctuality or behaviour. When assigned, Saturday Detention is held from 9.30am – 10.30am. School uniform is required. Devices are not permitted. Failure to attend, without **explanation, may result in further sanction.**

ABSENCE FROM SCHOOL

In the interests of the health and safety of the students, **an e-mail or phone call to the Dean, early on the day of absence or an explanatory letter from the Parent/Guardian on the day of return is required.** The Education Welfare Act obliges the College to inform the relevant authority of cumulative absences in excess of **twenty days**, and reasons thereof, during the course of the school year.

HEALTH

The school authorities should be given information on any medical issues, history or medication that a student takes on a regular basis. We strongly recommend that parents have appropriate medical cover in the event of injury or accident and also, that student vaccinations are up to date. Updates on a student's medical information should be emailed to nurse@blackrockcollege.com.

TRANSPORT

Students may not bring skateboards, electric scooters, motorcycles or cars into, or through, the College grounds.

In the interest of safety, access to the Cross Avenue exit by motorists is not permitted between 8.00am and 9.00am. Cyclists should wear helmets and reflective clothing at all times – during hours of darkness, lights and reflectors should be used. Bikes must be locked when not in use. Unauthorised vehicles parked in the College grounds may be clamped. A release fee will apply. Suspension may apply.

ASSESSMENT AND EVALUATION

There are two types of Report Card in use in the College:

- Weekly Application Cards give an individual teacher's assessment of the effort made by a student during that week.
- Progress Cards are marked periodically throughout the year. The marks based on class tests/assessments indicate the standard attained by a student in the subject matter covered in class in the preceding weeks.

We attach a great deal of importance to our Card system. Cards are returned to students on Monday. Please make sure that you review them with your son. Failure to do so, on a weekly basis, forfeits the many opportunities that arise for affirmation of your son's efforts. It also diminishes opportunities to assist where a deterioration in work is evident and an immediate response is the priority.

EXAMINATIONS AND COMMUNICATION

- **There are In-House Examinations at the end of the Christmas and Easter terms.** Marked scripts are returned to students. Reports are made available online for parents giving examination results and comments by the Dean of the Year on a student's punctuality, conduct, attitude and involvement in extra-curricular activities. In all years, adjustments may be made to classes based on these results.
- **Summer Tests take place in 2nd and 5th Year.** A summer report will follow. The result will be based on both the test result and continuous assessment. Portfolio Assessment Interviews will take place at the end of Term 3 in Transition Year.
- **Throughout the academic year, all communication should be through the Dean.** Deans are the first point of contact for discussing all aspects of a student's education. Parents are afforded an opportunity to meet with subject teachers at Parent-Teacher meetings.

COLLEGE STUDENT JOURNAL

The journal has been designed to help students organise and plan their year. It should be used by the students to reflect on and manage their learning. To support this, content has been added to the journal which focuses on learning and study skills as well as wellbeing supports within the College. Homework, both oral and written assignments, given by each teacher during the course of the day should be recorded. Each class period should have an entry.

Parents are asked to check the College Student Journal on a weekly basis.

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Each student should be involved in some aspect of the College's extra-curricular programme - Sports, Clubs & Societies, the Arts, Outreach, etc. There is concern when a student's involvement is exclusively attendance in class.

NIGHT STUDY

A limited number of places are available for 3rd, 5th and 6th Year dayboys with priority given to students involved in extra-curricular activities after school on a regular basis. School uniform is required. Non-participation, indiscipline or irregular attendance may result in loss of place without refund. Absences should be communicated in advance to nightstudy@blackrockcollege.com.

LOSS OR DAMAGE OF STUDENTS' PROPERTY

It is essential that all students have their clothes and other property clearly labelled to facilitate identification.

Students are responsible for the care and security of their own property. The College authorities do not accept responsibility for loss or damage of students' property: e.g. books, schoolbags, bicycles, electronic devices including the school managed device, mobile phones, sports equipment, musical instruments, clothes etc. Parents are advised that these items can be readily insured under the normal household policy. It is strongly recommended that each student avails of the locker rental facility. **Lockers must be locked at all times.** Padlocks are available for purchase in the Secretariat at a cost of €10.00.

DRESS CODE

- A high standard of dress must be maintained. **Students may not be permitted to attend class or activities if improperly attired.** Deans are the judges of acceptable standards of dress and deportment.
- **Students must travel to and from school in full College uniform, including footwear.**
- A student's haircut must be neat, tidy and conventional, i.e. standard short, back and sides; minimum blade 2 into 3. **Hair must not sit below the top of the collar.** A student with hair that is over the eyes, bleached, dyed or contrary to that outlined will be considered improperly dressed for class or activities associated with the school. Hair accessories are not acceptable.
- Students must be clean-shaven.
- The wearing of jewellery, other than watches, whilst in school uniform or involved in school activities, is not permitted.
- Except for games and Physical Education, the wearing of runners is not permitted during school hours unless excused on medical grounds supported by submission of a medical certificate.
- **The top button of the shirt should be closed and shirts should be tucked in.** College training tops should not be worn to class. Hooded sweatshirts are not permitted and may be confiscated.
- Final year students are expected to be neatly dressed, setting a lead in this as in all other matters.

CLOTHING LIST:

Uniform items can be purchased online from Uniformity.ie

Parents have an important role to play in the maintenance of high standards of conduct, dress and deportment. We ask for full co-operation in this matter. Students failing to meet the standards outlined may not be permitted to attend class or school activities.

SECOND & THIRD YEAR	TRANSITION YEAR & FIFTH YEAR	SIXTH YEAR
 Plain white shirt and College tie	 Plain white shirt and College tie	 Conventional shirt, tie & pullover
 Grey V-neck pullover with College crest	 Blue V-neck pullover with College crest	 Beige or navy chino trousers
 Standard grey uniform trousers	 Standard grey uniform trousers	 Skinny trousers and denims are not permitted
 Black leather conventional shoes	 Black leather conventional shoes	 Black or brown leather conventional shoes

ALL TY, 5TH & 6TH YEAR STUDENTS REQUIRE A COLLEGE BLAZER

PHYSICAL EDUCATION (PE)



House T-shirt:
colours below



White socks



Tracksuit / College shorts



Sports footwear (runners
or football boots)

Browne: Green

De Valera: Red

Duff: Yellow

Ebenrecht: Purple

Leman: Black

Shanahan: Grey