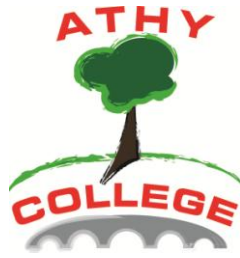


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Athy College is a caring school, dedicated to fostering educational excellence and earnestly endeavouring to empower all students to reach their full potential – academic and social, physical and spiritual. Through partnership and co-operation the staff of Athy College respect and nurture the dignity and uniqueness of each individual. The school aims to prepare students for public examinations, in an age when academic qualifications are indispensable for admission to further education and entry into employment.

## **SCHOOL RULES**

1. Students are expected to be honest, courteous, respectful to one another and to the staff at all times.
2. Offensive language is absolutely forbidden within the school. Students are to use language that is respectful and friendly to promote a school that is a racist-free, sexist-free zone.
3. Students must wear the full school uniform and comply with requirements on uniform.
4. Students must be on time for class. Late arrivals must be report to sign the Late Register before joining class.
5. All absences must be explained by parents/guardians. The reason for absence may be recorded in the student's journal and signed by the parent/guardian. A doctor's certificate is also acceptable.
6. Students must remain in the school in accordance with the school time-table each day, or as otherwise directed by the school authority. Unauthorised absence will be regarded as a serious matter.
7. Authorisation to leave school during school hours must be given in advance by the parents/guardians to the student's tutor.
8. All students are expected to remain in school during lunch-time except those whose parents/guardians have completed a lunchtime indemnity form.
9. A student's property, coats, bags books, etc., should carry his/her name. The Management of the school cannot accept any responsibility for lost or stolen property.

Money and other valuables may be handed to the Class Tutor, Deputy Principal or Principal for safe-keeping.

10. School books should be kept in good order. A proper school bag should be used. School bags must be kept in the student's possession or in the student's locker at all times.
11. Students should be so organised as to have their equipment ready for each class as they need it: books, pens instruments, cookery ingredients, etc.
12. Students are expected to comply with the directions of all teachers at all times.
13. Schoolwork and homework should be completed, as directed by each teacher. A written explanation from home is expected if homework is not done.
14. Inside the school students should walk and never run. They must keep to the left whenever possible and at all times on the corridors and stairs.
15. Pupils must assemble quietly outside the classroom door until the teacher allows them to enter.
16. Students are to remain in designated, supervised areas during break and lunchtime.
17. Rough or boisterous behaviour/play is strictly forbidden at all times.
18. Congregating outside the school gate is not allowed.
19. Smoking is absolutely forbidden on the school premises, grounds, in the vicinity of the school and on all school outings.
20. Chewing gum is strictly forbidden in the school.
21. Students must comply with the school's policy on mobile phones. Where it is absolutely necessary that a phone be brought to school it may **only** be powered on at lunchtime and after 4 p.m. but **never** on the school premises. At all times phones must be powered off and kept out of sight on the school premises. Mobile phones are not to be used as clocks and calculators. If a phone rings or is visible on the school premises, the phone will be confiscated, given to the Principal and returned at 1 p.m. on the Friday following confiscation, upon payment of a fine to the Principal. If an infringement of this school rule occurs again the phone may be confiscated by the Principal for the remainder of the term.
22. Students are expected to show respect for school property. Students may not write on desks or walls. Property deliberately damaged or broken will have to be replaced by the person concerned.
23. Classrooms must be maintained and left in good order at all times. At the end of each school day students, under the direction of their class teacher, are to assist in cleaning and tidying the classroom.
24. Students are expected to pick up litter and always keep the school and the school grounds clean and tidy.