

SANCTA MARIA JUNIOR SCHOOL

CODE OF CONDUCT FOR LEARNERS



DOMINICAN VISION STATEMENT

Dominican Schools aim to provide forward looking education of the highest quality based on a tradition that goes back over eight hundred years of commitment to education. Our schools seek to care for the whole person in order to develop in young people:

- a love for hearing
- an enthusiasm for truth
- a love for others
- respect for the culture and religious values of all
- a willingness to serve in a spirit of healing and reconciliation, flowing from an appreciation of the word of God and a deep commitment to Christ.

VERITAS

The motto of all Dominican schools is VERITAS – TRUTH. Our aim is to enable our students to reach their full potential and lead them to the Truth, which is Christ. In pursuit of this aim, Dominican schools strive to develop the thinking and reasoning powers of their students and to help them to become people of honesty and integrity. A well balanced curriculum should be maintained, in which religious education is of paramount importance. Individual subjects are valued because of their intrinsic worth as revealing some aspect of Truth.

My choices affect not only me but those around me and my school.

As a learner of Sancta Maria Junior School I choose to:

- serve God
- be obedient to my parents
- serve my school
- be respectful and courteous to all people
- listen to and co-operate with others
- take pride in my appearance and work hard
- care for my personal belongings
- be truthful at all times
- give of my best in whatever I do
- participate in and enjoy every good opportunity that comes my way
- attend school punctually and regularly

When you make the right choices you will be acknowledged by:

From teachers

- stickers and stamps
- group/class points
- comments (written or verbal)
- treats or rewards e.g.no homework or extra break

From Principal

- verbal and written comments
- rewardse.g.civvies day, extra break etc.
- acknowledgment in assembly

When you make the wrong choices the consequences would be:

- reprimand
- withdrawal of privileges
- detention
- repairing damages
- meeting with the principal
- contacting parents
- clearing up of school grounds/buildings
- educational worksheets
- extra work

Examples of serious offences

- bringing the school into disrepute
- bunking
- stealing
- vandalism e.g. graffiti and any deliberate damage to school property
- lying
- swearing
- back chatting/addressing adults in a disrespectful manner
- cheating
- intimidation of others
- drugs
- alcohol
- smoking
- carrying any type of dangerous implement or weapon
- affecting other learners' right to learn by your misbehaviour
- throwing stones or other hard objects

Committing any of these serious offences would result in the following:

- verbal warnings
- written warnings
- suspension
- expulsion

Respect for yourself, your teachers, other members of staff, your parents and all those with whom you come in contact is of utmost importance

Courtesy in the classroom

- take pride in your classroom by keeping it neat and tidy
- your teachers are there to teach and guide you. Co-operate with them (listen and pay attention)
- be a positive member of your class – smile, be helpful and enthusiastic
- be considerate to your classmates and respect their views

Courtesy in the lines and on the school grounds

- line up in the morning and after breaks in the demarcated areas
- when you line up, do so smartly and quietly, wait for your teachers/prefects to fetch you
- when walking in a line, always walk on the left side when going up and down stairs
- always be on the lookout for little ones so that they don't get knocked and hurt
- the Pre-School playground is for the Grade 0's only

- no littering on the school grounds and to keep the environment healthy pick up papers and rubbish even if you did not litter
- all learners must be fetched at the latest 15h00 every day

Jewellery/Appearance

- only one pair of gold or silver studs or sleepers may be worn in the earlobes (girls only)
- a cross or religious medal on a chain may be worn around the neck but may not be visible
- watch
- girls/boys found to be wearing any jewellery other than that referred to above will have the same confiscated. All confiscated jewellery will be kept by a member of the staff, secretary or principal until the end of the year
- no make up or nail polish may be worn to school
- nails should be kept clean and short
- no chewing gum allowed
- no pellet guns, toy guns, pocket knives, electronic games or cell phones may be brought to school. If such are found then they will be confiscated and the parent will have to fetch these items from the principal's office

Money

- learners must ensure the safety of their own money at school, always keeping it attached to themselves or their uniforms
- purses must have name tags or labels
- for their own safety, learners should not carry large amounts of cash to the school
- any money paid in at the office must be placed in an envelope with the learner's name and grade as well as what the money is for e.g.

Ernest Khumalo	Grade 0H
Trip money-East Cape	R 100
School fees	<u>R 340</u>
Total	R 440

- Lost library and text books must be replaced or paid for at current prices