

Smartphone Policy for Students

In all its policies, Marymount International School Rome seeks to act according to the ethos of the School as rooted in our school Mission and the Mission of the Religious of the Sacred Heart of Mary 'That all may have life and live it to the full'. Our commitment to this ethos and to being a Catholic school requires that we always strive primarily for diversity, equity, and inclusion within our community and in our interactions with the wider world. We consider these goals moral imperatives that go beyond legal requirements. In addition, the School undertakes a continual process of review to ensure that policies remain both effective and consistent with our ethos.

Policy Statement

The purpose of this policy is to minimize distractions, safeguard student well-being, and promote meaningful social interaction during overnight trips. By limiting access to personal devices and ensuring staff supervision, the school fosters a safe, inclusive environment where students can be fully present and engaged in the experience.

Parents are strongly encouraged not to purchase smartphones for children of Elementary and Middle School age, as the community overwhelmingly agrees that these devices are unnecessary and developmentally inappropriate for Elementary and Middle School students.

Elementary School:

In keeping with Circular No. 3392 of 16 June 2025, issued by the Ministry of Education and Merit, all mobile phones and smartwatches are strictly forbidden for students throughout the school day on campus and on field trips.

On the Grade 5 Cortona overnight trip only, phones may be brought but will remain in the custody of teachers at all times.

Middle and High School:

Phones may be brought to school. They must be stored in lockers by 8:20 a.m. and may only be retrieved at dismissal at 3:30 p.m. Students participating in after-school activities may collect their phones from lockers at 4:55 p.m. Secondary School students may not keep the phone in their bags or on their person during the school day, nor should they access them at any point whilst on campus.

Enforcement Measures

Violations will result in sanctions ranging from a formal warning for a first offense, to detention for a second offense, and suspension for a third offense.