



ST. MARY'S *Catholic High School, Dubai*

UAE NATIONAL ANTHEM PROTOCOL

Please find the link to access this document -Policy: Standards for UAE National Anthem Observance in Dubai's Private Educational Institutions.

Please find the link to access this document -Guidance on the Implementation of the UAE National Anthem Observance Policy.

GUIDING PRINCIPLES:

The implementation of this Policy is guided by the following principles:

A — Allegiance to National Identity

The UAE National Anthem is a symbol of unity, pride, and belonging. Its daily observance builds civic identity and a shared sense of national purpose.

N — Nurturing a Culture of Belonging

UAE National Anthem observance is a shared experience for every child, student, educator and community, regardless of nationality, age, or background. A consistent moment of respect connects individuals to one another and to the wider UAE community.

T — Together, Everyday

Group assembly for the anthem is a defining feature of the learner's day. Regular observance strengthens community, shared responsibility, and respectful participation across institutions.

H — Habits That Shape Character

Regular observance supports positive routines and respectful conduct, shaping individuals who carry their values with them beyond the walls of their institution and into the community.

E — Every Child and Student Included

No child or student is excluded from meaningful participation. Arrangements for students/children of determination are integral to how this policy is applied, not an afterthought.

M — Meeting a Consistent Standard Across Dubai

Every student in Dubai's ECCs, private schools, HEIs, TVET, and Training Institutes shares this experience, regardless of which institution they attend. This Policy establishes a coherent, sector wide expectation across all educational institutions regulated by KHDA.

DAILY OBSERVANCE:

This is the schedule we follow for the daily observance of the National Anthem at St. Mary's Catholic High School, Dubai:

YEAR ONE and TWO

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Group Assembly	In-class Assembly	Group Assembly	In-class Assembly	Group Assembly
Soft Area		Soft Area		Girls' Quad

YEAR THREE

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
In-class assembly	Group Assembly	In-class Assembly	Group Assembly	Group Assembly
	Soft Area		Soft Area	Girls' Quad

YEAR 4 (ALL STUDENTS) YEAR 5 – YEAR 13 GIRLS

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Group Assembly	Group Assembly	Group Assembly	Group Assembly	In-Class Assembly
Girls' Quad	Girls' Quad	Girls' Quad	Girls' Quad	

YEAR 5 – YEAR 13 BOYS

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Group Assembly	Group Assembly	Group Assembly	Group Assembly	In-Class Assembly
Boys' Quad	Boys' Quad	Boys' Quad	Boys' Quad	

DAILY OBSERVANCE AT MORNING ASSEMBLY

When there is a group Assembly, students will assemble according to their classes and remain in their assigned positions in their respective quadrangles or soft areas depending on the cohort.

Each class has an assigned space in their respective quadrangle and students, and class teachers have been oriented to their space.

Each class will follow a specific route to the assembly area and back to class.

All class teachers will be with their respective classes during the group Assembly.

We will play or sing the National Anthem at 7:10 am sharp in the respective quadrangles or soft areas.

SIGNIFICANCE OF THE UAE NATIONAL ANTHEM:

The UAE national anthem, known as "**Ishy Bilady**" (Long Live My Country), is a profound symbol of national unity, pride, and unwavering loyalty to the [United Arab Emirates](#).

Core Significance and Meaning

- **Celebration of Unity:** The opening lines—*"Long live my country, the unity of our Emirates lives"*—emphasize the strength found in the federation of the seven emirates
- **Ultimate Sacrifice:** The concluding verses express a fierce loyalty, stating that the people offer their blood and souls to protect the safety, flag, and sovereignty of the Emirates



ETIQUETTE TO BE OBSERVED DURING THE NATIONAL ANTHEM.

STUDENTS/ STAFF/ PARENTS AND VISITORS to the school

STUDENTS AND STAFF

- All staff and students must stand at attention in a respectful, upright posture, with hands held firmly by the sides.
- All staff and students must face the UAE National Flag.
- No staff or student must walk or move while the National Anthem is being sung or played.
- Talking/ laughing or using a mobile phone is strictly prohibited.
- Late-comers at the gate must also stay where they are and observe the etiquette while the National Anthem is being sung or played.
- **All administrative staff must attend the morning assembly and observe the full etiquette during the playing or singing of the UAE National Anthem.**

PARENTS AND VISITORS TO THE SCHOOL

- All parents and visitors to the school at the time of the National Anthem being played or sung must stand at attention in a respectful, upright posture, with hands held firmly by the sides.
- They must face the UAE National Flag.
- No parent or visitor must walk or move while the National Anthem is being sung or played.
- No parent or visitor must attempt to exit the gate while the UAE National Anthem is being sung or played.
- Talking/ laughing or using a mobile phone is strictly prohibited.
- Parents or visitors at the gate must also observe the full etiquette of the UAE National Anthem.

SCHOOL EVENTS

The school plays the UAE National Anthem at ALL school events (but are not limited to):

- UAE National Day
- UAE Flag Day
- Commemoration Day
- Graduation Ceremony
- Ethnic Day
- Sports Days
- Virtual or Hybrid sessions of the above

Attendees at an event will be asked to stand before the National Anthem is played.

The same etiquette described above is to be observed while the National Anthem is played.