



ST. PATRICK'S COMPREHENSIVE SCHOOL
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Welcome

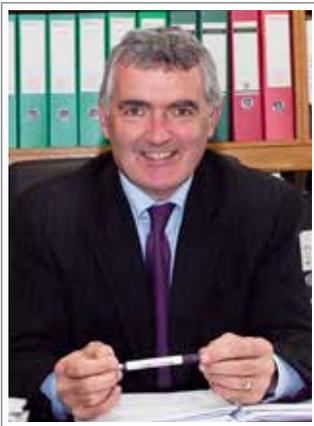
St. Patrick's Comprehensive is a modern, well equipped, co-educational, multi-denominational second level school. We encourage creativity and embrace diversity in a positive learning environment.



Students at St. Patrick's Comprehensive experience a welcoming environment in which they can develop their abilities to the fullest extent. In this school we endeavour to give students opportunities and experiences that are designed to help them to become confident and enable them to make balanced and informed decisions about their futures.

We place a strong emphasis on pastoral care. The atmosphere in school is relaxed and students are treated as individuals. By working with other students under the guidance of an enthusiastic staff, students learn to respect and value themselves and others.

We aim to develop in our students a sense of the wider world with all its social, economic and technological diversity and equip them with the skills necessary to deal with a rapidly changing world of work.



Mr. Morgan Heaphy
Principal



Ms. Sharon Brooks
Deputy Principal

Mission Statement

St. Patrick's Comprehensive School is committed to excellence. We provide equality of opportunity for all students in a disciplined and caring environment.

We encourage individual students to achieve their full potential and to relate positively to one another and to the community in which they live.



School Curriculum

St. Patrick's Comprehensive follows the curriculum set down by the Department of Education and Skills which may be amended from time to time in accordance with the Education Acts 1998 & 2000.

Junior Cycle – 3 Years

Core Curriculum Subjects:

English

Irish

Maths

History

Geography

French or German

Science

SPHE (non-exam)

CSPE

Religion (non-exam)

PE

Optional Subjects:

Art, Craft and Design

Business Studies

Woodwork

Metalwork

Music

Home Economics

Technical Graphics



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Transition Year (1 Year – Optional)

This is a one year programme designed to develop self-directed learning and to promote self-esteem and maturity. It affords students the opportunity to acquire new skills while continuing to work in their core subject areas. Students take modules in a variety of subjects which enables them to make informed choices when they enter Senior Cycle. Though Transition Year is optional it is highly recommended.

Senior Cycle – 2 Years

Core Curriculum Subjects:		Optional Subjects:	
English	Accounting	Art	History
Irish	Business	Physics	Music
Maths	Economics	Chemistry	Design & Communications
French or German	Engineering	Biology	Graphics
Religion (non-exam)	Construction Studies	Agricultural Science	
PE	Religion	Geography	



Leaving Certificate Vocational Programme (LCVP – 2 Years)

This is an enhanced programme which is offered in tandem with the traditional Leaving Certificate.

Students eligibility to take this programme is determined by their optional subject choices at Senior Cycle. Students study two modules over the two years, *Enterprise Education* and *Preparation for the World of Work*.

LCVP is now recognised by NUI colleges and Institutes of Technology with regard to points for entry.

Leaving Certificate Applied (LCA – 2 Years)

The Leaving Certificate Applied is a distinct, self-contained programme aimed at preparing students for adult and working life. It is an innovative programme in the way students learn, in what they learn and in the way their achievements are assessed. It is intended to meet the needs of students who are not adequately catered for in the traditional Leaving Certificate programme.

Successful students will receive a Leaving Certificate which will be awarded at one of three levels – Pass, Merit or Distinction. Students can proceed to further education through the vast majority of Post Leaving Certificate Courses which are available in second level schools and colleges.



Extra-Curricular Activities & Sport

St. Patrick's offers a wide range of extra-curricular activities and sports that cover a broad range of interests. All students are encouraged to take part.

Hurling	Basketball
Football	Golf
Camogie	Table Tennis
Soccer	Equestrianism
Athletics	Rugby

Students are also encouraged to take part in a wide range of non-sporting extra curricular activities which include:

Debating	Chess
Concerts and Musicals	School Tours
Public Speaking	Charity Fundraising
Gaisce Awards	Creative Writing

Guidance & Counselling

Our Guidance and Counselling programme offers a full range of learning experiences which are designed to assist students to make choices about their lives and to make transitions based on these choices. These choices may be categorised into three separate but interlinked areas – personal and social, educational and career. A comprehensive programme is available to students consisting of mock interviews, seminars, visits, aptitude tests, subject option talks, interest assessment etc. Individual and group counselling is also provided when required.

School Chaplain

We are very fortunate to have the services of a full-time chaplain in our school. The role of the chaplain is one of caring and it is a faith presence accompanying each student with pastoral care on their journey through the school.

Support is provided through one to one meetings with students as well as through teaching. The chaplain is also a consoling presence at times of bereavement and life issues. The school chaplain works as one member of a team of carers within the school.



Special Educational Needs

We offer a wide range of supports to both resource and learning support students who may need additional assistance during their time with us. Support is provided following formal assessment.

ICT

At St. Patrick's Comprehensive we have the most modern ICT facilities available. We have four fully equipped computer rooms and every classroom has internet access. All our classrooms are equipped with either Interactive Data Projectors or Interactive Whiteboards.

Parents' Association

The Parents' Association is an active and vibrant feature of our school community. Membership of the association is open to parents/guardians of all students attending the school. The association committee is elected annually at the AGM and meetings are held regularly.

Book Rental Scheme

For a modest fee, text books are provided to all Junior Cycle students.

Supervised Study, Homework Club & Maths Club

All students can avail of after school and Saturday morning supervised study sessions. First Year students can avail of our after school Homework and Maths Clubs.

Breakfast Club

Our breakfast club is open every morning from 8.30am to 8.55am where students can avail of tea and toast compliments of the Parents' Association.



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