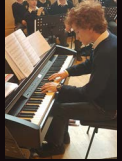


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ST. MACARTAN'S COLLEGE



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Why *Choose our school?*



- Our Christian tradition and our focus on academic excellence, discipline, pastoral and spiritual care
- Our professional, motivated and dedicated staff
- Our reputation and record
- Our modern and progressive school
- Our school's strong sense of community and pride in our school and its traditions
- Our comprehensive curriculum, including Junior and Leaving Certificate, Transition Year, Leaving Certificate Applied and Leaving Certificate Vocational Programme

- Our ethos of inclusion which provides for the educational needs of all students irrespective of background or ability
- Our provision of extracurricular activities for all students
- Our results
- Our campus and its safe setting
- Our facilities
- Our students, past and present
- Our commitment to educational innovation and school development
- Our sporting record
- Our promotion of the Arts
- Our positive, fair and open disciplinary system and restorative practice, with its emphasis on student affirmation.
- Our parents' and students' involvement in the life of our school.
- Our well developed pastoral care system with its focus on the needs of the individual
- Our focus on student wellbeing

Our *School Ethos*

At St. Macartan's College we seek excellence in everything we do.

Our school structures are designed to help every member of the school community strive to be the best that we can be.

Our Code of Behaviour is a statement of good practice which covers all aspects of school life.

All members of the school community are expected to help maintain an atmosphere of learning and an atmosphere of courtesy and respect for all.

St. Macartan's College seeks to provide a school environment in which students have every opportunity to learn and to develop as people.

Working together, students, teachers and parents have a responsibility to contribute positively to school life.

We therefore encourage all to aim for the highest standards of work, behaviour, attendance and punctuality.

Our School's *Pastoral Care System*

St. Macartan's College is a teaching and learning community committed to quality and excellence in education.

The personal development of students is a core value of St. Macartan's College. Teachers in our school care for their students and education takes place in a genuinely caring atmosphere.

In our school

- The Christian values of mutual respect, tolerance, care and justice are encouraged and nurtured
- Personal achievement and academic success are promoted through our broad, balanced and relevant curriculum
- Self-discipline and responsibility are encouraged
- Students are expected to share fully in the life of the school
- We expect our students to leave St. Macartan's College as caring and capable young adults who will contribute positively to their communities

Our Pastoral Care system strives to meet the personal, social, emotional and intellectual

needs of every student so that he gains maximum benefit from everything the school has to offer.

Pastoral Goals for Our School

- Personal attention to value and develop every student
- Acknowledgement of, and support for, each person's role in the school community
- Promoting an environment which meets students' needs
- Priority given to the nurturing of teaching and learning relationships
- Recognition of talents and abilities
- Strong collaborative leadership
- Support for an engaging curriculum - content and methodologies
- On-going monitoring of progress at every level for the student
- Accountability, support and evaluation at every level
- Involving all concerned in the life of the school

St. Macartan's College Community strives to:

- Treat everyone and everything with respect
- Show kindness, fairness, courtesy and be willing to work with and help others
- Follow the agreed school rules
- Attend school and be punctual
- Beir Bua – Make use of every positive learning opportunity afforded at school
- Work hard
- Act sensibly

Our discipline system is based on a pastoral approach and focuses on student affirmation.

The teachers, Class Tutor, Year Heads and Student Support Committee monitor student progress and behaviour.

At the beginning of each school year students and parents agree to our school rules by signing the Code of Behaviour.

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Our School's *Curriculum*

Our school offers a six year post primary education, three years at junior cycle and three years at senior cycle. Transition Year is compulsory for all students in Fourth Year other than those who take the Leaving Certificate Applied Programme.

Junior Cycle Subjects

» Gaelge	» Technical Graphics
» English	» Art, Craft and Design
» Mathematics	» Music
» History	» Business Studies
» Geography	» ICT Computer Programming & Robotics
» Science	» Technology
» French	» C.S.P.E.
» German	» S.P.H.E.
» Religious Education	» Wellbeing
» Physical and Health Education	
» Materials Technology Wood	

Transition Year

Transition Year offers a broad range of educational activities including traditional subjects, ICT, careers education, work experience, personal development modules and a range of organised activities.

Modules include, Enterprise Studies, E-Commerce, Gaelic Games, Journalism, Pottery, Safe Driving, Money Management, Self Defence, Computer Programming, D.I.Y. Art. Positive Mental Health, Woodcraft, School Musical, School Tours, Robotics, Politics.

Leaving Certificate Subjects

» Gaelge	» Economics
» English	» Accounting
» Mathematics	» Art
» History	» French
» Geography	» German
» Physics	» Applied Mathematics
» Chemistry	» Religion
» Biology	» Construction Studies
» Music	» Career Guidance
» Design and Communication Graphics	» Physical Education

St. Macartan's College Leaving Certificate results are amongst the best in Ireland.

The Leaving Certificate Vocational Programme

The Leaving Certificate Vocational Programme (LCVP) combines the academic strengths of the Leaving Certificate (established) with a focus on self-directed learning, enterprise, work and the community. The primary goal of the LCVP is to prepare young people for adult life by ensuring that they are educated in the broadest sense, with an ability to cope in an environment of rapid change.

The Leaving Certificate Applied Programme

The L.C.A. caters for students who do not wish to take the traditional Leaving Certificate. The Leaving Certificate Applied is self-contained two-year programme aimed at preparing students for adult and working life. The programme puts an emphasis on forms of achievement which the established Leaving Certificate has not recognised in the past.

Our School's *Extra Curricular Activities*

Our school takes great pride in the range and scope of the Extra Curricular and Co-Curricular Activities offered to our students. We place great emphasis on the fact that our students are expected to develop their talents to the full. St. Macartan's College is recognised throughout Ireland as a school which values and promotes Gaelic games.

The school is also committed to the promotion of the Arts.

Sport

Gaelic Games

The Sem is the only local school who competes at "A" level in Ulster Colleges Gaelic Football including,

- MacRory Cup
- Rannafast Cup
- Brock Cup
- Corn na nÓg
- Dalton Cup
- Nannery Cup

St. Macartan's also competes in Ulster Colleges Handball and Hurling competitions.

St. Macartan's also competes at local, provincial and national levels in:

- Athletics,
- Basketball,
- Soccer
- Golf
- Swimming
- Rugby



The Arts

Students also have an opportunity to take part in

- School Musical
- School Drama
- School Choir
- Grúpa Ceoil
- School Orchestra
- Public Speaking
- Poetry Aloud
- Journalism
- Dance

Co-Curricular Activities

- Mathematics Quiz Team
- Science Quiz Teams
- Cumann Gaelach
- Young Scientist
- Gaisce – The President's Award
- Meitheal – Peer mentoring of junior students
- Peer Education – Students teaching students
- Coder Dojo – Saturday morning computer coding class

School Tours

- The school organises educational tours on an annual basis to destinations throughout Ireland and mainland Europe.



Our School's *Facilities*

The St. Macartan's College campus boasts a comprehensive range of modern facilities for its students and the local community including:

- Three ICT Suites
- Four modern science laboratories
- Integrated ICT access in all classrooms
- E-books / computer tablets
- Book Rental Scheme and classroom textbooks
- Specialist Rooms for
 - Geography
 - History
 - Business Studies
 - Technical Graphics
 - Design and Communications Graphics
 - Woodwork and Construction Studies
 - Learning Support
- Music rooms and rehearsal rooms
- Guidance Rooms
- Consultation Rooms
- College Chapel
- Theatre with tiered seating
- Well stocked library
- The Bishop Duffy library and St. Macartan's College archive and museum
- Full size Basketball Court / Sports Hall with fully equipped fitness suite and table tennis hall
- Three floodlit playing fields
- Four Handball Courts
- Two Squash Courts
- Boxing Club
- Floodlit Running Track
- Floodlit all weather playing court
- Study Hall with supervised evening study facility
- Fully equipped modern kitchen and canteen. Students can avail of a healthy hot dinner during lunch.



School Partnership

Partnership is central to our school's philosophy. Parents, staff, students and our Trustee all have a role to play in the life of our school.

The Parents' Association

The school has an active Parents' Association that supports all aspects of school life and development. It meets regularly and consults with the principal on many aspects of school life. Two parents are nominated to serve on the Board of Management.

Students' Council – Comhairle Mhic Chairthinn

The contribution which students have to make in the daily life of the school is reflected in the work of our vibrant Student Council. The Students Council is consulted by the principal on a range of matters and has a key role to play in the development of school policies.

The Students' Council represent the views of students on matters of concern to the student body thereby influencing school policy. The Students' Council elects and is led by the school's Head Prefect and Deputy Head prefect. They act as chairperson and secretary to the Students' Council and officially represent the student body at all formal school occasions.

The work of the Students' Council is facilitated by an Assistant Principal and the Students' Council meets with the principal and representatives of the Board of Management on a regular basis.

The Students' Council enhances the school and promotes respect throughout the school community.

Board of Management

The school is managed on behalf of the Bishop of Clogher and the Department of Education and Skills by a Board of Management.

The Board is comprised of two parents' nominees, two staff nominees and four members of the local community nominated by the Bishop of Clogher, former principal and president of St. Macartan's College Bishop MacDaid.





THE COLLEGE CREST

The crest of St. Macartan's College was designed by the artist, Richard J. King, for the centenary of 1940. It is modelled on the front panels of the circular boss at the centre of the 14th century Clogher Cross.

The panels contain the interlaced letters DEUS (God), and underneath is the motto of the college, Fortis et Fidelis (Strong and Faithful).

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