

St Patrick's College

Cavan, Co. Cavan



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TYPE OF SCHOOL: Boys School, Day Pupils

NUMBER OF STUDENTS: 600 students

UNIFORM

Trousers: Navy

Jumper: Navy, with school crest

Shirt: Blue

Shoes: Dark



BRIEF DESCRIPTION

St. Patrick's College has educated boys for almost 140 years. It is a Catholic Voluntary Secondary School that has Gospel values at the centre of school life. The school is concerned with providing a high quality, progressive and holistic education. The management and staff are committed to supporting the students and to helping them achieve their dreams as well as their full potential. In Leaving Certificate 2013 twenty percent achieved more than 500 points and forty four percent achieved more than 400 points

DAILY LIFE

St Patrick's daily schedule begins each day at 9.00 with break at 11.00-11.20 and lunch time at 1.05-1.50pm. The school day ends at 3.35pm.

FACILITIES

- Library
- Sports facilities
- Science labs
- Music room
- Computer labs
- Art room
- Interactive whiteboards
- Canteen
- Chapel

JUNIOR CYCLE PROGRAMME

| Core Subjects | | | <i>Optional subjects</i> | |
|---------------|-----------|---------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Gaeilge | English | Mathematics | <i>Art, Craft and Design</i> | <i>French</i> |
| CSPE | SPHE | Physical Education | <i>German</i> | <i>Home Economics</i> |
| History | Geography | Religious Education | <i>Metalwork</i> | <i>Music</i> |
| Science | ICT | Business Studies | <i>Technical Graphics</i> | <i>Woodwork</i> |

Features of our first year programme

- All students undergo standardised tests to establish their verbal and numerical abilities
- All students participate in an extensive induction programme
- All classes are mixed ability
- Maths, Irish and English will stream from second year
- Students sample option subjects before choosing
- Senior students act as mentors to first years, regularly meeting them
- Regular testing and a minimum of two school reports are issued
- An awards system

New Junior cycle Framework

The **rationale** for the framework is to provide flexibility and discretion for schools in the curriculum they offer and to best serve the needs of the students and the school. At the core of the framework are twenty four statements of learning underpinned by eight principles. Statements of learning provide a reference point on progress and achievement.

Curriculum – will consist of a range of Subjects, Short Courses and Priority Learning Units (PLU's). Irish, English and Maths will be taught for 240 hours minimum over three years. Other subjects will be taught for 200 hours minimum. Short courses will require 100 hours over three years. The new Junior Cycle will include:

- A focus on school based assessment
- Standardised testing at end second year
- School Work Component (40%) plus final assessment in June 3rd year (60%)
- New reporting and certification arrangements

TRANSITION YEAR OPTION (TY)

Transition Year is an optional year for students between Junior and Senior Cycle. There is an application process to be completed to secure a place. TY fosters academic, social, vocational, physical and spiritual development through the breadth of activities students are exposed to during the year. Students who complete TY are likely to be more socially aware, more mature and achieve better results at Leaving Cert.

Students undertake the same core subjects, sample subjects for the Leaving Cert and undertake a lot of curricular competitions such as the Young Scientist, Young Social Innovators and Young Environmentalist. Modules in public speaking, drama and ECDL are completed along with many educational trips and fundraising activities. Overall TY is an exciting, challenging and innovative year.



SENIOR CYCLE PROGRAMME

| Core Subjects | | Option Subjects (students choose four) | | |
|--------------------|---------------------|--|-------------------------|------------------|
| Gaeilge | English | Accounting | Business Organisation | Economics |
| Mathematics | Religious Education | BiologyAgricultural Science | Chemistry | Physics |
| Career Guidance | ICT | Construction StudiesEngineering | Design & Comm. Graphics | ArtMusic |
| Physical Education | | French | German | HistoryGeography |

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

- Sports: Basketball, gaelic football
- Drama
- Engineering week
- Singing
- Languages: Irish, French and German
- Educational Trips
- Community and Council awards



Please feel free to refer to the school website for further information on the school.