



St. Vincent's

Boys' Secondary School

Glasnevin, Dublin 11
Est. 1856





Welcome to St. Vincent's

St. Vincent's is a Catholic Boys' Secondary School under the Trusteeship of the Edmund Rice Schools Trust (ERST). We are very proud of the Catholic ethos given to us by the Christian Brothers.

At St. Vincent's we have always fostered a spirit which encourages the Christian values of truth, justice, tolerance and understanding. We hope that in this atmosphere your son will achieve his full potential as an individual. Our school encourages self-reliance and leadership in our students and we continuously extend the boundaries of our desire to equip our students for life's challenges.

At the heart of our policies is a genuine concern for the welfare, happiness, dignity and self-worth of each student. We strive in partnership with parents and guardians in challenging those who are gifted and encouraging those who need extra support to realise their full potential.

As Principal, I am proud of the commitment and dedication of all of our staff. In true Edmund Rice tradition, we live out the five key elements of the ERST Charter on a daily basis. I have no doubt that when your son comes to our school, he will be proud to be part of a school community that places welfare at the heart of all our practices.

Please enjoy looking at our prospectus and make sure you visit the school on our Open Evening, where you will find a welcoming, positive and inclusive environment in which all students are given the space to flourish.



Maire Quinn
Principal



Neil McCann
Deputy Principal

“Learner experiences were of a very high quality.”

– Whole School Inspection Report





Edmund Rice Schools Trust

St. Vincent's is part of The Edmund Rice Schools Trust which has responsibility for 96 schools in Ireland. The Trust supports and guides the school Board of Management and Principal in line with the tenets of the Edmund Rice Schools Trust Charter.

Our school promotes equality of access and participation, and children of any faith, or none, at every level of ability, of any nationality or ethnic grouping are all welcome in our school.

All ERST schools recognise the uniqueness of each individual in caring communities where holistic development is nurtured. Enrolment processes are open and flagged in advance. High educational, developmental and pastoral standards apply in all our schools.

The main objective of the school is to ensure and foster the advancement of each student's education. As an ERST school, we strive to further the aims and purposes of Catholic education in the Edmund Rice tradition. We support other colleges, schools and other educational projects in Ireland owned or operated in accordance with the religious and educational philosophy of the school as stated in the Edmund Rice Schools Trust Charter.

The Five Key Elements of the ERST Charter are:

- Nurturing faith, Christian spirituality and Gospel-based values
- Promoting partnership
- Excelling in teaching and learning
- Creating a caring school community
- Inspiring transformational leadership.

School Structure

St. Vincent's is an all-boys secondary school that is under the Trusteeship of the Edmund Rice Schools Trust. Our school mission statement is:

“St. Vincent's School aims to provide a quality Catholic education for all, in the tradition of Edmund Rice, which promotes leadership, fosters community and respects diversity.”

We are an inclusive school that welcomes all students regardless of faith or background. In addition to striving for excellence in learning and teaching there is a strong emphasis on development of the whole person in our school and we aim to develop respectful, aware and modern young men who are ready to participate as active citizens by the time they graduate.

A key element of our school is our Form Teacher system. Each class will have one teacher who will tutor them from 1st to 3rd Year. This helps to develop strong relationships, especially between home and school.

Parents are always welcome in the school and are encouraged to engage with form teachers, teachers and other parents (Parents Council).



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Edmund Rice Schools Trust

“Very effective care and learning support systems are in place.”

– Whole School Inspection Report



Education Programmes

Junior Cycle

Students study core subjects Irish, English, Maths, French, RE, History, Geography, and Wellbeing (CSPE, SPHE and PE).

Students will also choose two subjects from: Science, Business, Woodwork and Art.

Students will complete Classroom-Based Assessments and Written Assessment Tasks as part of the New Junior Cycle Framework. All students will follow the Junior Certificate School Programme (JCSP).

Transition Year (TY)

TY is optional in St. Vincent's but we would always recommend our students could benefit from this active programme.

In addition to continuing their core subjects students are exposed to new areas such as Smart Skills App Development, Multimedia Production, Forensics, IT and Career Guidance.

Students also benefit from two blocks of work experience which gives valuable insight into the world of work.

Leaving Cert (Established)

Students study core subjects Irish, English, Maths, French, PE, RE and Career Guidance.

They also choose three subjects from:

Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Business, Accounting, Art, History, Geography and Woodwork.

Leaving Cert (Applied) LCA

The LCA Programme runs in the school and is a two-year senior cycle programme that is available for students who wish to follow a strong practical education path that has a strong vocational (work) emphasis.

The LCA programme awards credits during 5th and 6th year and students have work experience as part of their school timetable. LCA students will have the same options as most LC (Established) students after school.

DCU Access School

We are a DCU Access school and benefit from programmes run in the college for all year groups.

“The guidance department provides very good support for students.”

– Whole School Inspection Report



School Supports

St. Vincent's is a school that is dedicated to the education of our students and we place a heavy emphasis on the care and support that students require. We aim for all students to feel welcomed and enthusiastic about being in our school.

Many Whole School programmes and interventions are available to help students experience a positive learning and social environment. Specific, targeted help is available for those who need it.

At St. Vincent's we provide:

- Care Team
- Tutor System
- Peer Mentors
- Student Council
- Career Guidance Counselling (x3)
- Special Education Needs Department
- Behaviour for Learning Teacher
- Special Needs Assistants
- After-School Study
- Free School Lunches and Breakfast Club
- Home School & Community Liaison Teacher
- School Completion Programme
- Attendance Monitor

“A wide range of interventions are in place to meet students' identified needs.”

– Whole School Inspection Report





Extra-Curricular Activities

School life in St. Vincent's is much more than what goes on in the classroom. Part of what makes the school such an inclusive environment is the broad range of extracurricular activities available. Whatever your interests there is something for you in St. Vincent's. Extra-curricular activities include:

- Computer Club
- School Band & Choir
- St. Vincent's Newsroom
- Business in the Community
- St. Vincent's Credit Union
- Games Club
- Student Enterprise Programme
- Gaisce (The President's Award)
- Green Schools Committee
- Charity Work
- Positive Mental Health Week
- Emmanuel Concerts
- Quizzes and Competitions
- Young Scientists
- Debating Society

“An extensive range of extra-curricular and co-curricular activities provide valuable learning opportunities for students.”

– Whole School Inspection Report

Sport in St. Vincent's

There is a strong sporting tradition here in St. Vincent's and we encourage every student to get involved in all extracurricular activities.

By taking part in the school's extracurricular activities students are given the chance to develop their skills outside of the classroom and achieve their potential while also contributing to the school community.

The main sports that we play here are:

- Gaelic Football
- Basketball
- Hurling
- Rugby
- Soccer
- Athletics

We also run an extensive PE programme with PE classes timetabled for all students each week. We run programmes that promote exercise and physical and mental well-being such as Couchto5k, Badminton, Cycle Against Suicide, Hiking, Sports Days and more.

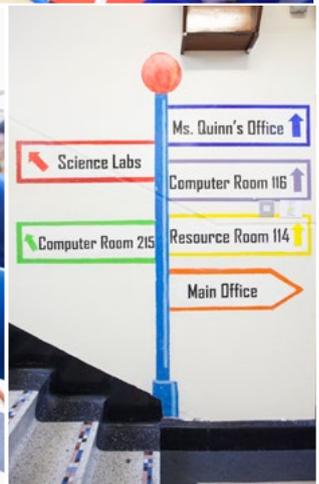
The physical health and well-being of our students is of crucial importance to us and we promote physical activity as a means of maintaining a healthy body and mind. Sport is also a real source of fun in the school.





“A wide range of stimulating activities capture students’ interests.”

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Learning & Working in the Community

Student life in St. Vincent's is not confined to the classroom. Whenever possible we encourage our students to go beyond our school grounds and engage with the community at large.

Educational and social trips are a vital part of the school and something that our students are thrilled to take part in.

Foreign trips (recently: New York City, Barcelona, Germany, Italy) and trips within Ireland (Carlingford Adventure Centre, Waterford Heritage Centre) are always popular and a great chance for our students to broaden their horizons.

We have developed very strong links with educational partners such as:

- Workday (Business in the Community)
- DCU Access (Providing college access for all years, including the UniTY and UniFirst programmes)
- Centre for Talented Youth Ireland
- Mater Hospital (work experience placements)
- The King's Inn Law Society
- Met Eireann
- RTÉ
- Pieta House (a regular beneficiary of our charity work)
- Dogs Trust
- Focus Ireland
- Work Experience Partners



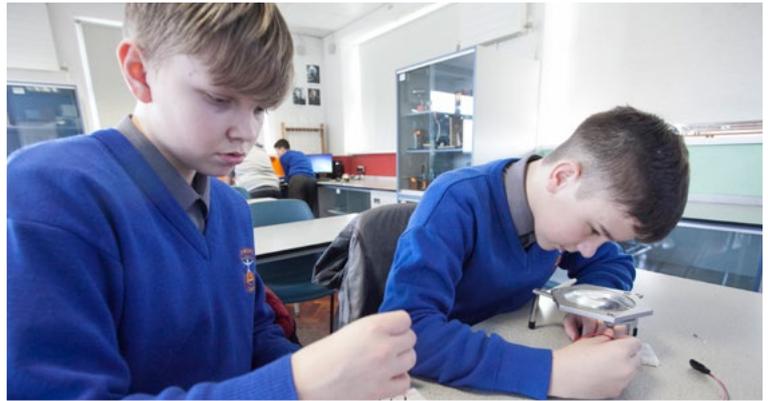
Supports For New Students

Starting a new school is exciting but also has its challenges. At St. Vincent's we try very hard to make life for our new students as easy as possible to ensure that any student coming to the school feels welcome from day one.

Any new student coming to St. Vincent's will have taken part in our Transfer Programme and we will have spoken to your former school for information so we can plan for your arrival. All of your teachers will know a little bit about you before you arrive.

For new students, we provide:

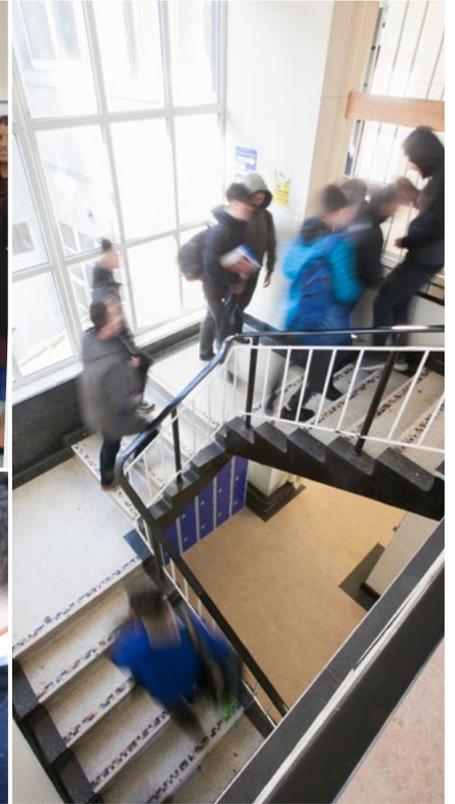
- a Transfer Programme to help us plan for your arrival
- an Induction Programme to help you settle in
- a School Visit (on Open Days or arranged individually)
- fun activities (Sports Day, Trips) early in your first year to help you settle and meet new friends



“Relationships between students and their teachers were observed to be warm and affirming.”

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Why to Choose St. Vincent's

- Highly Qualified, Dedicated Teachers
- Inclusive Education Setting
- Strong Caring Community
- Excellent Care Team and Learning Support Team
- Sustained College Progression Rates
- After-School Study
- Homework Club and Breakfast Club
- Book Rental Scheme
- Modern Science Labs, Woodwork Room, Art Room and Computer Labs and Library
- DCU Access Partner
- Annual Awards Ceremony
- Superb Sporting Tradition
- Modern PE Hall and Playing Pitches
- Strong Music Department
- Welcoming Multicultural Environment
- Well Established Business Links
- Business in the Community links with Workday (College Scholarships)
- Student Council and Parents Council
- Well served by public transport
- A history in the community since 1856



How to apply to St. Vincent's

- Call or email the school to request an application form
- Attend our Open Evening in September (dates on our website)
- Drop in to speak to our staff or visit our website



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