



# St. Kevin's College

Ballygall Road East, Dublin II



# Fáilte

I am delighted to introduce you to the updated St Kevin's College prospectus. It is designed to give an insight into what St Kevin's has to offer, from the curriculum to the wide range of extra-curricular activities available. We believe that a combination of academic excellence and participation in school life leads to the formation of a well rounded young adult.

St Kevin's College has a current enrolment of 525 students which is small enough to allow us to get to know all of our students but large enough to sustain a comprehensive range of subjects and programmes for our students.

During our Open Night you can avail of the opportunity to view our school, engage with our enthusiastic staff and meet with a number of our students, who are the best ambassadors for our college. They will be more than willing to give you a guided tour of our school.

St Kevin's College is a modern, thriving centre of excellence in education. We offer your child a safe, secure and caring environment in a friendly school community which will enable him to develop in to a mature, confident and well educated individual. We set and expect high standards in work and behaviour which benefits our students in pursuit

of their goals. There is a wonderful atmosphere within the school which is very evident among our students and staff, something that has been remarked upon by many visitors to our college.

In conclusion, I extend a warm invitation to you, the parents and guardians of our prospective first year students, to our Open Night, in order to view our facilities and experience St Kevin's for yourselves.



Thomas J Byrne  
*Principal*



Tom Shannon  
*Deputy Principal*





# Mission Statement

St Kevin's College is a Catholic Boys' Second-Level School under the trusteeship of the Edmund Rice School Trust. In keeping with the religious and educational philosophy the school seeks to foster the spiritual, moral, intellectual, social cultural and physical education of all its pupils in a safe, secure and caring environment.



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Edmund Rice Schools Trust

## Building a New Future

At St. Kevin's College, we believe in offering our students the highest quality of education in a safe, happy, caring and challenging environment.

Every individual is a valued member of our college community and, through the provision of a comprehensive curriculum, we ensure that they are given every opportunity to develop to their fullest potential. Our academic performance is excellent, with the vast majority of students entering third level education annually.

In pursuit of academic excellence, we never lose sight of the individuality of each student in our care. Our level of care and support for students is unparalleled. Students of St. Kevin's College thrive because they are supported, encouraged, cared for and feel a real sense of belonging.

An important factor in student success in our college is the nurturing of a proactive partnership between the pupil, the college and the home. Such a relationship between college and home is especially important in first year during the transition from Primary to Post primary. Parents/guardians are extremely supportive of our college and we encourage regular contact both formally and informally throughout your child's time with us.

The college has an enviable reputation in a wide range of extracurricular and co-curricular activities, which is facilitated by the personal dedication of our teachers and staff to providing a truly holistic education.

Continuous professional development is our mantra ensuring that every aspect of our activity is carried out at a level commensurate with best practice. Our aim is to provide the students with a first class education.

St. Kevin's College continues to evolve and develop. Our latest application to the Department of Education has been successful and we hope to add extra classrooms, a third Science lab and a second Engineering room to our existing facilities. This will enhance our ability to provide for our students.

In choosing to send your son to St. Kevin's College, you are making the best decision regarding their post primary education. This prospectus will give you an overview of our college. However if you require further information and would like to visit our college, please contact us and we will facilitate a more in-depth presentation.

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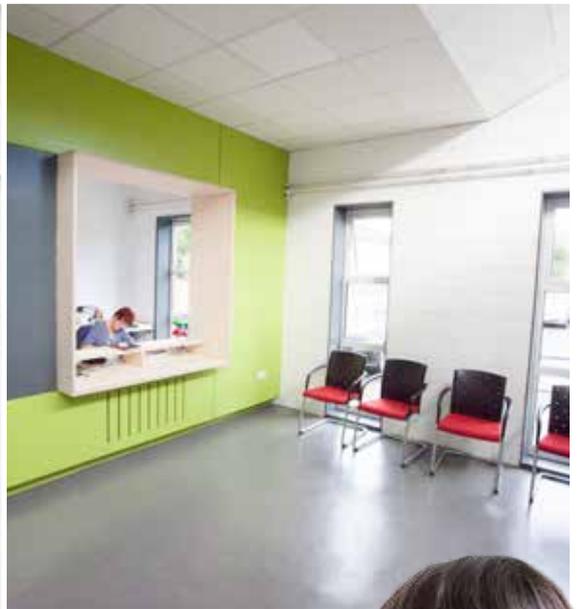
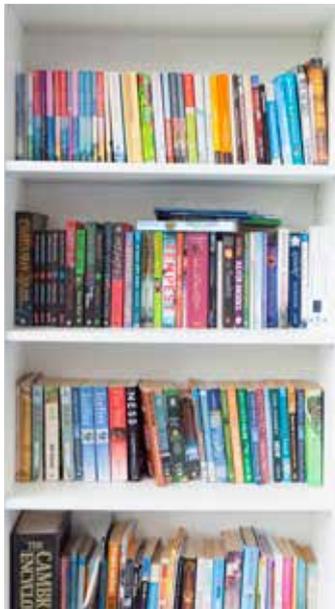
- Proven academic success
- Comprehensive range of subjects
- State-of-the-art IT facilities
- 100Mbps high speed Broadband
- Supervised after school study
- Homework Club
- Breakfast Club
- Book Rental Scheme
- Anti-bullying policy, procedures and charter
- Home School Community Liaison Coordinator
- VS Ware database giving parents access to attendance, examination results and other information about your son's education.
- School lunch provided free for every student.
- School allows students to access online content to enhance their educational experience using their own device.



## Pastoral Care

In St. Kevin's College, Pastoral Care is a systemic approach to education which seeks to value and develop the young person at every level.

It cares for the quality of relationships between the partners in the school community. It involves the engagement of all the school policies, processes and programmes in the development of the appropriate systemic structures, roles and resources to support the development of the emerging adult.



# College Programmes

The college offers a comprehensive curriculum and a broad range of programmes that support students in achieving their potential.



Junior Certificate



Transition Year



Leaving Certificate



Leaving Certificate Applied (LCA)





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# Additional Programmes Available

## Transition Year

St Kevin's College provides an optional Transition Year programme that is designed in a way that students can grow and develop. Students become immersed in activities, developing new skills and talents, engaging in enterprise, becoming socially conscious and responsible while also nurturing their academic capacity.

Students engage in work-experience which assists their decision making around further education and career choices. Work experience is very beneficial for all students. It develops independence and maturity while opening up a world of responsibility and maturity.

We continuously evaluate the success of TY and are always on the lookout for new experiences that can benefit our students. This year we have teamed up with DCU and are offering their excellent TY Unity programme. Our teachers will deliver a syllabus that covers ICT/Coding, Smart skills, Careers/Mental Health/Mindfulness that looks to prepare our students for lifelong learning.

In recent years we have done a significant body of work in the area of healthy eating and this year we are introducing Nutrition and Cookery. We have made a significant investment in upgrading our kitchen that will allow our TY students learn to cook for themselves using natural healthy ingredients.

This year our TY students will study a Chinese language and culture module in conjunction with the Confucius Institute in UCD.

The College recommends that each student becomes involved in Transition Year as it is an ideal opportunity for personal development and maturation prior to the Leaving Cert. It entails a rigorous selection process that requires our students to be the best they can be. A successful TY student avails of the opportunity to broaden their horizons as they progress to adulthood.

## Leaving Certificate Vocational Programme (LCVP)

LCVP is an additional programme available to Leaving Certificate students. LCVP prepares students for the world of work where they will develop skills and competencies fundamental to both academic and vocational success. Students will be afforded the opportunity to take responsibility for their own learning and encouraged to be innovative and enterprising throughout the LCVP programme. LCVP rewards students with additional certification and CAO points in their Leaving Certificate.

## Leaving Certificate Applied (LCA)

LCA offers an alternative option to the Leaving Certificate for students. LCA is suited to students who may struggle with the academic pressures of the Leaving Certificate. It provides a gateway into further education and enhances students' career prospects. LCA is taught in an active and engaging manner, where continuous assessment contributes to students' final grades.

## New Junior Certificate

St. Kevin's College have commenced the process of introducing the new Junior Cert. Our teachers are now teaching the new English syllabus and are currently working on the syllabii for Business Studies and Science.

## Junior Cycle

### Core Subjects

All students study these subjects.

Irish	English
Maths	Science
Physical Education	History
Geography	CSPE
SPHE	French/German
Religious Education	

### Option Subjects

Students choose three option subjects.

Art
Metalwork
Business Studies
Technical Graphics
Woodwork

## Senior Cycle

### Core Subjects

All students study these subjects.

Irish	LCVP
English	Physical Education
Maths	Religious Education
SPHE/RSE	

### Option Subjects

Students choose three option subjects.

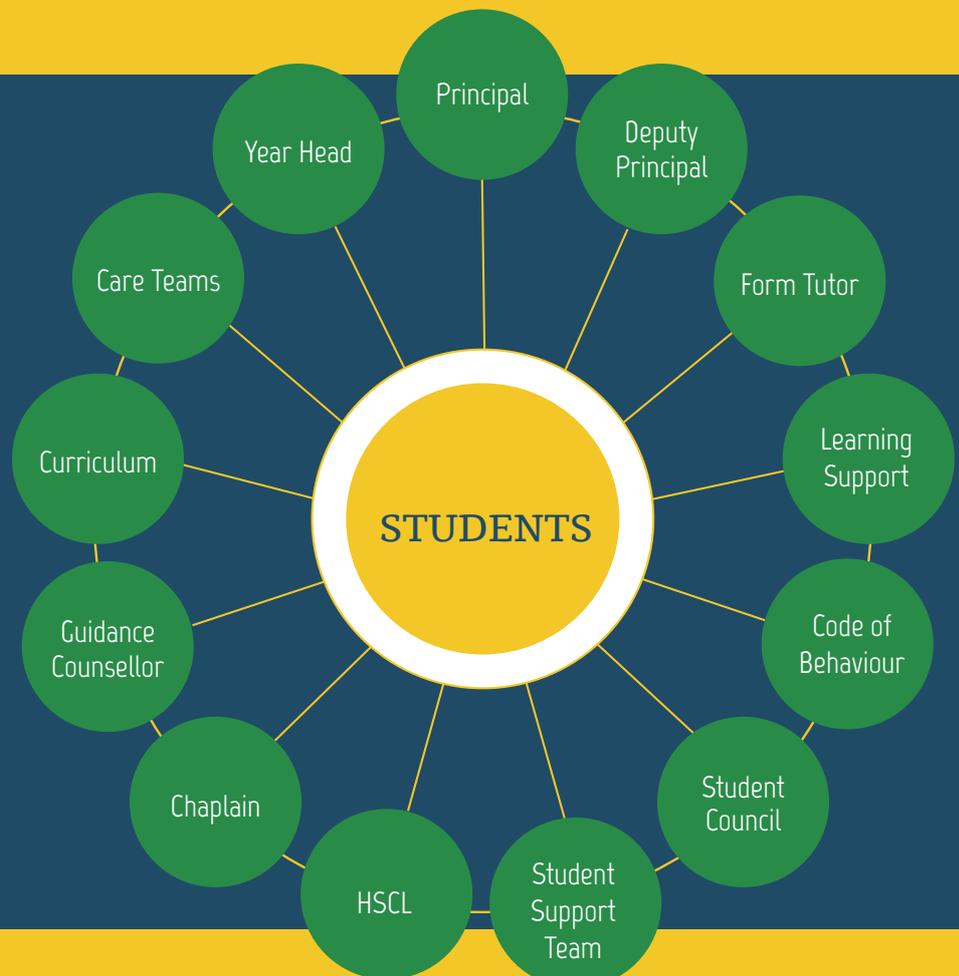
Art	Geography
Chemistry	Design & Communication Graphics
French	Physics
Business	Biology
History	Engineering
Accounting	Construction Studies

## College Structures

All of our college structures are student-centred. In St. Kevin's College, great emphasis is placed on the welfare of all our students.

The college is actively involved in promoting guided student responsibility. Staff members have warm and respectful relationships with students where students know they can look for support, guidance or advice.

The college is dedicated to the provision of services that foster the development of the whole person, encourage and reward good behaviour and ensure that respect is shown to all individuals.



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## Principal & Deputy Principal

The Principal and Deputy Principal oversee the programmes of care for students in the college. They are both available to support students and parents when challenges arise. Similarly, they are a support to students who may need extra assistance in any area of college life.

## Form Tutor

The Form Tutor plays a very important role in your child's life. He/she will have daily contact with your child and is dedicated to making your child's educational experience a positive one. They will offer support and guidance to parents as their child passes through the college. Form Tutors are in regular contact with the home and are available to meet with parents.

## Year Head

The Year Head works in conjunction with Form Tutors so that students are cared for and know that there are people looking out for them all the time. The Year Head has responsibility for supporting staff in the implementation of the Code of Behaviour. The Year Head also plays a very significant role in pastoral care. In St. Kevin's College, Year Heads stay with their year group all the way from first year to sixth year providing consistency of support and ensuring that relationships and partnership are well established between the student, the home and the college.



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## Care Teams

There are Care Teams for each year group made up of Form Tutors and Year Heads' in the college. They come together to develop plans to support students who face additional challenges in the class room. The Care Teams provide strong insight into the overall well being of students.

## Student Support Team

The Student Support Team is an invaluable resource. The members of the team are dedicated to assisting students who may be distressed or in personal difficulty. The team meets weekly to assess the needs of students and the capacity of the college to meet these needs. The Student Support Team works closely with the home to ensure that all students get the opportunity to thrive in our care.

## Social Education

The college offers programmes of SPHE, CSPE and RSE to promote the development of the whole person. These programmes offer students the opportunity to explore new areas in a respectful and sensitive manner. Students learn about personal responsibility and social responsibility in a structured and carefully devised manner. These subjects also offer the opportunity to discuss topical issues and give students the space to air their thoughts and become well-informed in personal development.

## Guidance Counsellor

The Guidance Counsellor in St. Kevin's College views the development of positive self-esteem as essential for students. The Guidance Counsellor works with all year groups and is involved in classroom activities, one to one guidance, career planning, assessment of educational and vocational abilities and other related supports.

The Guidance Department works with all senior students on an individual basis working on study plans, college applications and access programme applications. The Department also offers a drop-in guidance service for all of our students from first to sixth year.

## Home School Community Liaison Coordinator

The role of the HSCL is to provide a source of help and support between home and school. It promotes partnership to ensure pupils fully engage in school life. Parents are supported and encouraged to get involved through a variety of activities:

- Home visitation
- Courses and classes
- Information meetings
- Working with students

## Breakfast Club

The student canteen also hosts a breakfast club before school serving cereals, tea and toast.

## School Meals

Each student receives a lunch daily funded by the Department of Social Protection. This consists of sandwiches/wraps, fruit, yoghurt and healthy snacks. St. Kevin's College promotes healthy eating for students.

## Links with the Home

There are several opportunities for parents to link with the college formally throughout the academic year:

- Parent/Teacher Meetings
- Assessment Reports
- Information Evenings
- Parents' Council
- Email and text message
- Home School Community Liason Coordinator
- Customised Student Journal specifically designed for daily communication between school and home.
- VS Ware online platform. Each parent has access to their son's account.
- Edmodo virtual learning environment (VLE). Homework and class notes are exchanged between student and teacher on the VLE.

The college operates an open door policy where a parent can make an appointment to meet with a Year Head at any stage if they have concerns. The Principal and Deputy Principal are also available to meet with parents should the need arise. We focus on partnership with the parents and believe that a co-operative relationship between the college and home best fosters the development of the student.

## Book Loan Scheme

The college operates a very popular book loan scheme. This gives students the opportunity to rent most of their text books for a very reasonable charge. The books remain the property of the college and are always in excellent condition.

## Policies & Procedures

School policies are created in conjunction with the Parents Council and the Student Council.

## Evening Study

Students preparing for State Examinations are encouraged to attend supervised Evening Study held on four evenings per week.

## First Year Induction

Moving to second level is a time of great change for young children and their families. Here in St. Kevin's College we are mindful of this transition and the challenges it brings. We offer a comprehensive first year induction which includes a 'phasing in' programme. Our Home School Community Liaison coordinator has strong links with all our feeder primary schools.

This supports students as they make the move to our college. It helps them to get to know their new surroundings, make new friends, meet their teachers and learn the rules in close contact with their Form Tutor and Year Head.

Our aim is to make first years feel confident and happy coming to school each day. The college is reputed for its high level of pastoral care which supports students in achieving their best.



St Kevin's 8 All Ireland medal winners bring the cups back to school.





## Extra-Curricular Activities

St. Kevin's College offers a wide range of activities and all students are encouraged to involve themselves as fully as possible in the life of the college. We believe that education, in its truest sense, should aim to develop the whole person. Consequently, involvement in these activities is seen as an integral part of the holistic education which we endeavour to provide.

The college has excellent facilities that include pitches, a Sports Hall and Gym. Cultural activities include: Choir, Debating and Educational Trips. Sports activities include: Football, Hurling, Soccer, Rugby, Basketball, Athletics, Table Tennis and a variety of other sporting activities from time to time. In its extra-curricular programme, the college is mindful of:

**Equality** – Equal opportunities are given to all boys in the college. We have been very successful in competition at county, provincial and national level.

**Balance** – The college ensures that students achieve balance between extra-curricular participation and academic work. Representing the college is seen as a privilege that students hold with pride. It is essential that students meet their responsibilities in the classroom in order to represent the college in its best light.

## Student Council

The student council plays a very important role in college life. It is the voice of the students. The council is involved in collaborative approaches to policy making and major changes to college life. We are proud of the capability and maturity of our students in making their voice count.

## Awards Scheme

The college operates an awards scheme which rewards academic excellence, good behaviour, extra-curricular participation, college spirit and other areas of college life. We believe in celebrating the successes of our students and valuing their positive contribution to college life.

The awards scheme will bring about formal acknowledgement of the outstanding efforts of our students and will bring our mission statement to life.

## Comenius Project

The Comenius Project is an international twinning project with 3 other European Schools to develop our understanding of other cultures. Students from abroad are hosted in St. Kevins and our students travel to visit schools in Europe.





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## Why choose St. Kevin's College?

- Academic Excellence
- Fostering Holistic Development
- Excellent Facilities
- Wide Curriculum
- Variety of Academic Programmes
- Broad Range of Extra-Curricular Activities
- Dedicated Pastoral Care Teams
- Positive Approaches to Discipline
- Inclusive Environment
- Multi-Cultural
- Welcoming of All Faiths
- Progressive in IT
- Professional, Highly Qualified Staff
- Dedicated Special Educational Needs Team
- Community Engagement
- Socially Conscious
- Sense of Belonging

**Choose St. Kevin's College.**  
**Every day, in every way, we care about your child.**

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