

# ST. JOHN BOSCO COMMUNITY COLLEGE

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## NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

In St. John Bosco Community College we believe in providing a safe and happy environment where students are active learners. We aim to provide an excellent standard of teaching and learning. Each student is respected for their own unique talents and aptitudes and we work hard to ensure that each student reaches their full potential through our broad range of subjects and many extra-curricular activities. In choosing to send your son or daughter to St. John Bosco Community College, you are making the best decision regarding their post primary education. The prospectus will give you an overview of our school. However if you require further information, please contact us and we will be glad to help. Liam O' Mahoney - Principal

## MISSION STATEMENT

Our core aim is the provision of an educational experience that is life enhancing for all, both teacher and pupil: a school that together with the home provides a happy environment where the Christian spirit is nurtured: the dignity of the individual is cherished; where diligence, courtesy, participation and respect are fostered and the code of discipline is implemented for the good of the individual.



Excellence in Teaching and Development

## SUPPORTING THE STUDENT

### Pastoral Care

This is a priority in St. John Bosco Community College. The pastoral care team led by the school principal meets once a week to ensure that student welfare and wellbeing is addressed in an appropriate manner. Each year group is assigned a Year Head, who meet with the principal and liaise with all subject teachers. All members of management and staff exercise a caring role towards our students. There is also a school chaplain on staff to listen to and support students in all that life brings up for them.

### Learning Support

The learning support/ resource team work with parents/guardians and subject teachers to put the necessary supports in place for students. Tuition is provided to individuals and small groups. Our aim is to enable all students to reach their full potential.

### Guidance and Counselling

St. John Bosco Community College has a guidance counsellor who provides a continuous system of support and counselling to guide students in making key decisions in areas such as subject choice, course and career choice. The Guidance counselling service is delivered through one-to-one personal interviews and through classroom instruction.

### Dáil na Scoile

Each class group elects a representative to sit on this

committee. The 'Dáil na Scoile' represents the views of the students on matters of concern to the student body.

### Mentoring Programme for 1st Years

This enhances the existing induction process for first years. First year pupils are assigned a 6th year mentor in September. Mentoring provides an opportunity for 6th years to develop leadership skills while helping 1st year students to settle in and adapt to day to day life in the school.

### Home School Links

Every effort is made to maintain contact with and foster links with the student's home through:

- Parent-Teacher meetings/appointments
- Monthly student academic reports
- Student journal
- Newsletters/ text messages/ information sessions on topics such as Bullying, Drugs awareness and career choices.
- Rainbows Programme (Support Group for Pupils affected by loss)
- Annual school magazine
- Parents' council activities

### Evening Study

A supervised study facility is provided for pupils after school. Students who attend develop good study skills and get their work done in silence.

## JUNIOR CERT SUBJECTS

- Irish
- English
- Mathematics
- History
- Geography
- French
- German
- Art, Craft & Design
- Music
- Science (Revised Syllabus)
- Home Economics
- Materials Technology (Wood)
- Metalwork
- Business Studies
- Religious Education
- Social, Personal, Health Education (non-exam)
- C.S.P.E.
- P.E.

## LEAVING CERT SUBJECTS

- Irish
- English
- Maths
- French
- German
- History
- Geography
- Business
- Accountancy
- Biology
- Chemistry
- Agricultural Science
- Art
- Construction Studies
- Engineering
- Home Economics (Social and Scientific)
- Music
- Leaving Certificate Vocational Programme
- Religion (non-exam)

County Council library on site

A Positive Learning Community

## FURTHER EDUCATION/PLC

Full-time FETAC/QQI Level 5-certified day courses in Business Studies and Care Support. Open to Post Leaving Certificate and Mature students. Students who successfully complete the course may gain entry to Third Level Institutes and Colleges through the FETAC Higher Education Links Scheme. A maximum of 400 CAO points can be obtained. Important skills are learned to give successful students an opportunity to enter the workforce.

All weather pitch on site



## EXTRA – CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

At St. John Bosco Community College we offer a wide variety of extra-curricular activities. These activities expand our students' experience which enhances their learning and contributes to a well-rounded education.

### Sport

- Basketball
- Girls Gaelic Football
- Athletics
- Boys Gaelic Football
- Sports' Day

### Social

Students are given the opportunity to participate in the following;

- o Green Schools
- o Gaisce
- o Business Award from Kemmy School of Business, University of Limerick
- o John Paul II award
- o Young Scientist competition
- o Young Social Innovators
- o Young Environmentalist of the Year
- o Féile na hInse
- o Clare Champion Writing Competition
- o Texaco Art competition
- o Gaeilge 24
- o Lunchtime clubs
- o Faith friends
- o Young St. Vincent de Paul Committee
- o Seachtain na Gaeilge
- o Gael-Linn competitions
- o Production of school magazine
- o Seinn - A new initiative of the Dioceses of Limerick and Killaloe to promote liturgical music in second-level schools in the two dioceses
- o Student Enterprise Awards

### Trips

- Port Elizabeth, South Africa
- Lourdes
- Paris
- Belfast
- The Burren Activity Centre
- Leinster House
- National Museum of Ireland
- Open Day trips to various 3rd level Colleges
- Birr Outdoor Centre
- Aughinish Alumina
- Scarriff Outdoor Centre
- Thomond Park
- Aviva Stadium

### Charity fundraising

- Trócaire Fast
- Trad for Trócaire
- Bóthar
- Christmas Shoe Box Appeal
- Irish Wheelchair Association
- Missionvale (Sr. Ethel Normoyle)
- Lourdes – 2 students with the Diocese of Killaloe
- Conradh na Gaeilge
- Jack and Jill Foundation

Students on campus from 9am-4pm

Students receive recognition for both academic and non-academic achievements at an **Annual Awards Ceremony**