

“We believe we can make a difference by providing a quality education to our students in a caring and respectful environment.”



St. Patrick's College

Lacken Cross, Killala - Co. Mayo

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Mr. J. Killeen
Principal



Mr. Brian Jennings
Deputy Principal



Mission Statement

"We value respect, fair play and everyone's right to be himself or herself."

We aim to help our students to develop a sense of their own unique worth, and to respect the rights of others.

We strive for good relationships between our students, our staff and our parents.

We educate our students not only for now, but also for life.

Dear Parent(s) / Guardian(s)

Thank you for your interest in St. Patrick's College, Lacken Cross. You will soon be making an important decision regarding your child's further education. As education plays a major role in shaping an individual and preparing them for future life, naturally you want what is best for your son/daughter. I hope our college prospectus helps you to make an informed decision.

St. Patrick's College is a co-educational school which caters for boys and girls from First year to Leaving Certificate. We aim to create and maintain an atmosphere within the school in which each student can fulfil their potential. As education should be for the whole person, we are concerned not only with academic success, but also with the social, physical and moral development of the individual.

The College has its state-of-the-art facilities; new classrooms, a physical education facility, canteen, as well as specialist teaching spaces for many subjects including Art, Science,

Technology and Computers. This will facilitate the growing reputation of St. Patrick's College for providing a quality educational experience.

Above all the College prides itself on being a community of people – pupils, teachers and parents – all united in a common purpose. The College has a dynamic staff whose efforts in the classroom and with extra curricular activities are reflected in the enthusiasm of a confident and talented student body. Our students are encouraged to be respectful, caring and concerned about the needs of others. This sense of responsibility is reflected in the school's code of conduct.

When students leave St. Patrick's College the school will have done all it can to help them to develop holistically, in the belief that society will feel the benefits as our students take their place in the world.

Yours sincerely,
Mr. J. Killeen
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Our canteen offers students a wide range of healthy and nutritious food.



Modern equipment in our fitness room.

Facilities

Along with traditional classrooms, St. Patrick's College has two state-of-the-art science laboratories, excellently equipped construction and engineering rooms, a technical drawing room, a kitchen and an art room. All our specialist rooms have been newly fitted out in 2008 to the Department of Education's highest standards.

Fund-raising

The students and staff at St. Patrick's College organise fund-raising events throughout the school year, which are very well supported by the community. Recent events have been held in aid of St. Vincent De Paul, Operation Christmas Child and The Jack and Jill Foundation.

Book Rental Scheme

The school offers a Book Rental Scheme for a nominal fee. All books are provided on loan and are returnable at the end of the school year.

Students and Parents Council

St. Patrick's College recognises that students have a valuable contribution to make to the effectiveness of their school and the Student Council offers them a representative structure through which they can become involved in school affairs.

Training is provided for students elected to the Council and school management has acted on many of their positive recommendations for improving the quality of the school experience for all students. We also have an active and enthusiastic Parents Council whose ongoing support and help greatly benefits the school.

School Journal

A school journal is provided to all first year students. The journal contains the code of behaviour and is used to record homework. It also forms an important communication link between school and home.





Junior Cycle Curriculum

St. Patrick's College, Lacken Cross offers a three year Junior Cycle Programme leading to the Junior Certificate Examinations of the Department of Education and Science.

Students in First Year classes take a broad range of subjects, including Social, Personal and Health Education (S.P.H.E.) and Physical Education (P.E.). First year classes are divided alphabetically and are of mixed ability.

All subjects are taught to Honours Level.

The College is currently developing a short courses in Problem Solving maths and Computer Programming as part of the new Junior Cert/Junior Cycle.

Subjects for Junior Cycle:

- Irish
- English
- Mathematics
- History
- Geography
- Science
- Religious Education
- Civic, Social and Political Education
- Physical Education
- Social, Personal and Health Education

Other subjects offered:

- Technical Graphics
- Art
- Woodwork
- Metalwork
- French
- Home Economics
- Business Studies
- Music

1st Year students have the opportunity to sample these subjects for a four week period before making a final choice, at Halloween.

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Transition Year

Transition year was re-introduced into St. Patrick's College in September 2010. This exciting and dynamic course provides for a wide range of activities whilst also safeguarding the core subjects. All students in Transition year experience new subjects.

Apart from the Leaving itself it opens up new possibilities for the future when choosing their subjects for Leaving Certificate.

The core subjects during Transition year continue as usual, (Irish English, Maths and French) These subjects are

tested in the school house exams with all the other years.

This ensures no loss of key knowledge in preparation for their future Leaving Certificate. It strengthens and reinforces material and leaves them better prepared for their Leaving Cert in these crucial subjects.

Students also get involved in the Gaisce Awards, Social Action Projects, Road Safety Course, Instructed driving lessons, visits to the Theatre and First Aid. This gives students concrete achievements by the end of the year. Transition year students travel abroad

to Europe on an educational tour. They will also be involved in staging at least one school production. Overall this diverse programme provides the opportunity to develop and hone skills that the curriculum in other years may not have the time to do so. It also develops self confidence and a level of maturity that helps student face the challenges ahead.

The school now operates a one day per week closely monitored work experience programme for Transition year.



Senior Cycle Curriculum

The Leaving Certificate Programme is a two year programme leading to the Department of Education and Science Leaving Certificate Examination. All students follow the Leaving Certificate Vocational Programme (L.C.V.P.). The Senior Cycle Curriculum offers a wide range of subjects. In addition to the core subjects of Irish, English and Mathematics, students must choose four option subjects.

Co-curricular classes in Religious Education, Physical Education and Career Guidance are also part of the timetable for Senior Cycle students.

Subjects for Senior Cycle Core subjects:

- Irish
- English
- Mathematics
- L.C.V.P.
- Religious Education
- Physical Education
- Career Guidance

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Option subjects offered are:

- History
- Geography
- French
- Biology
- Physics/Chemistry
- Agricultural Science
- Design & Communication Graphics
- Engineering
- Building Construction
- Business
- Art
- Home Economics
- Music

Learning Support

Our fully-qualified Learning Support teacher individually assesses students' needs and a comprehensive programme of support is on offer where needed. Application for Special Consideration for Junior and Leaving Certificate examinations is made for all eligible students.

Career Guidance

St. Patrick's College has a qualified Career Guidance Counsellor on hand to assist students.

Career guidance is offered to all students at Senior Cycle level. In addition to aptitude testing, interest assessment and mock interviews, students are also provided with information on Third level courses, job applications and apprenticeship programmes. Visits to third level institutes also forms an

integral part of the career guidance programme offered.

Information and Communication Technology

Information and Communication Technology is an intrinsic part of school life in St. Patrick's College.

Facilities include a networked computer suite of 30 work-stations, printers and data projectors.

All our classrooms have a networked workstation and excellent broadband internet access.

Evening Study

Supervised Evening study is offered to all students from October until May. This service is of particular benefit to students during exam years.





Pastoral Care

At St. Patrick's College, we have a comprehensive pastoral care system in place. Each year group has a Year Head and each class group is cared for by their Class Tutor. The Principal, Deputy Principal and Guidance Counsellor co-ordinate their efforts to ensure that every student at the College has a happy and beneficial school career.

Positive Awards:

Students earn merits for adhering to school rules and as a result they receive a class reward every term to acknowledge this positive effort.

School Trips

For the past number of years, an educational school tour to a continental location has been organised for Transition year students with great success. There are many educational trips within subject areas such as theatre visits and visits to art exhibitions.

Achievements

Along with our excellent Junior

Certificate and Leaving Certificate results, we have had some notable academic achievements. The Michael Cullinane Memorial Perpetual Trophy for the Leaving Cert Higher Level Engineering Project 2007 was awarded to Sarah Farrell.

Gaisce

For the past eight years, Gaisce has been successfully run in St Patrick's College. The programme involves 4th Year students doing a variety of activities both inside and outside school.

The students complete an outdoor adventure, where they go hill-walking, camping, canoeing, and surfing. The students also have a chance to develop team participation and leadership skills.



Uniform

The uniform, as prescribed by the College, is obligatory.

GIRLS: Green Jumper with College Crest

BOYS: Green Jumper with College Crest
White Blouse/White Polo Shirt
White Shirt/White Polo Shirt
Green Skirt/Grey Flannel Trousers
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** Incoming 1st years, as informed at enrolment, must have black shoes (not runners) In addition to the uniform there is also a navy jacket with the school crest available.

** Tracksuit bottoms and T-Shirt are mandatory for P.E. class.



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