

# Maria Immaculata Community College



## Coláiste Phobail Mhuire Gan Smál



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### **About Maria Immaculata Community College**

Maria Immaculata Community College aims to provide the best possible education for all our students. We are dedicated to the development of the whole person and to the achievement of the highest academic standards. We believe that we are doing this in an environment that is safe and friendly, as well as stimulating and challenging. Whilst the staff and students are justifiably proud of the excellent facilities it is people who are central to Maria Immaculata Community College.

Our teachers are highly qualified and extremely enthusiastic. They are deeply committed to ensuring that each student fulfils his/her potential. We recognise the importance of working with students, parents and the community as a whole. We are very proud of our Student Council, which provides an opportunity for all students to have their opinions and views heard. Working together with each student and parents/guardians Maria Immaculata Community College provides an excellent education to all students.



## Imeachtaí Extra-Curricular Activities

Students of MICC are offered a wide range of extra-curricular activities, opportunities and events. These include: Athletics, Badminton, Bowling, Camógie, Chess, Choir, Cookery Club, Craft Club, Fundraising, Gaelic Football, Golf, Homework Club, Hurling, Library Club, Mentoring Group, Pitch and Putt, School Bank, Soccer, Student Council, Trad Band, Variety Concert, Musical.



## Ranganna Spéisialta Special Classes

### Rang Seán and Rang Sinéad

The College community is very proud of our Special Classes - one multi disability classes, and one ASD class. These classes cater for students in the moderate range of learning difficulties and play an important part in school life. Students have base classrooms whilst also attending subjects in specialist rooms.

## Cláir Shóisearacha Junior Cycle Programmes

The aim of the Junior Cycle is to provide students with a broad and balanced curriculum. It also prepares students for entry to senior cycle.

The following subjects are offered at Junior Cycle:

- Gaeilge
- English
- French
- Religious Education
- Mathematics
- Science
- Information Technology (non-exam)

### WELLBEING

The area of 'Wellbeing' builds on the work we are already doing to support our students. The four main pillars of the programme are Social Health Personal Education (SPHE), Physical Education, Civic Social Political Education (CSPE) and Guidance Education.

### OPTION SUBJECTS

Students will be given the opportunity to choose from the following subjects for their Junior Cycle :

- Art
- History
- Music
- Business Studies
- Home Economics
- Technical Graphics
- Geography
- Materials Technology (Wood)
- Materials Technology (Metal)

Assessment at Junior Cycle will now include Classroom Based Assessments (in general, one in 2nd and one in 3rd Year). An Assessment Task will be completed that requires the students to reflect on the skills, knowledge and understanding developed in the second Classroom Based Assessment. Subjects will also be examined by the State Examinations Commission In June of third year.

### JUNIOR CERTIFICATE SCHOOLS PROGRAMME

In addition to the Junior Cycle Programme the College offers the Junior Certificate Schools Programme, which further prepares students for the Junior Cycle Programme but uses different methods. It operates on the basis of short term goals or learning targets and allows the student to break up the course into manageable pieces with a particular emphasis on improving literacy and numeracy.



# Tacaíocht na nDaltaí

## Support for Students

It is of primary importance that all students feel happy and safe. Our pastoral care system is there to support our students. In transferring to secondary school students must come to terms with an environment that is very different from the one from which they have come.

Supporting students as they move from Primary to Secondary school is critical to the academic and social success of students. Post primary school presents a broader range of subjects, a more complex timetable, different teachers for different subjects and the challenge of making new friends. The school adapts a whole-school, integrated approach to this transition. With the help of colleagues in our primary feeder schools we have succeeded in making this a very manageable process for our students and their families. Our Student Support Team works to make sure that every child is supported and cared for.

Parents /Guardians play an important role in our pastoral care programme.

A good partnership between home and school is essential. Should any problem arise it is vitally important that the school is contacted as soon as possible.

Bantry & Dunmanway School Completion Programme (SCP) operates in the College and is part of a national programme to help students get the best out of school so they have more opportunities open to them.





## Cláir Shinsearacha Senior Cycle Programmes

*Having completed the Junior Cycle Programme, pupils in Maria Immaculata Community College are presented with three senior cycle options:*

1. THE TRANSITION YEAR PROGRAMME
2. THE LEAVING CERTIFICATE PROGRAMME
3. THE LEAVING CERTIFICATE VOCATIONAL PROGRAMME

### 1 THE TRANSITION YEAR PROGRAMME

Transition Year gives students a taste of subjects and experiences they may not have explored before. There is an emphasis on active learning methodologies and co-operating with others. This improves interpersonal and communication skills, boosts students' confidence and further develops their talents.

### 2 LEAVING CERTIFICATE PROGRAMME

Subjects currently offered to Leaving Certificate students include four core examination subjects:

- Gaelge
- Mathematics
- English
- French

*In addition to their four core subjects, students choose three option examination subjects.*

Those currently offered include:

- Accounting
- Geography
- Art
- History
- Biology
- Home Economics (S & S)
- Business
- Music
- Chemistry
- Physics
- Construction Studies
- Religion
- Economics
- Design and Communications Graphics
- Engineering
- Applied Mathematics

Core non-examination subjects:

- Religious Education
- Physical Education
- Pastoral Care
- Information and Communication Technology
- Careers Education

*\*Subject options can only run subject to sufficient demand and teaching allocation*

### 3 LEAVING CERTIFICATE VOCATIONAL PROGRAMME

Leaving Certificate Vocational Programme (LCVP) is an enhanced Leaving Certificate which has a strengthened vocational dimension.

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