

## Curriculum

St. MacDaras offers a broad, inclusive and progressive curriculum which provides educational experiences that develop initiative, creativity and a thirst for knowledge, learning and achievement.

### Languages

- Gaelige
- English
- French
- Spanish
- German
- Italian

### Practical

- Materials Technology
- Technical Graphics
- Technical Drawing
- Home Economics
- Junior Engineering
- Engineering Technology
- Construction Studies

### The Arts

- Art, Craft & Design
- Music
- Design & Communication Graphics

These are enhanced by co-curricular activities which include educational tours, at home and abroad, foreign exchanges and involvement in work placement, workshops and competitions related to the academic programme.

### Humanities

- History
- Geography
- Physical Education
- Religion
- Social, Personal & Health Education
- Career Guidance
- Civic Social & Political Education

### Science

- Physics
- Chemistry
- Biology
- Mathematics
- Information Technology

### Business

- Accounting
- Business
- Economics



## Programmes

- Junior Certificate
- Transition Year
- Leaving Certificate
- Leaving Certificate Vocational



## “Ar Aghaidh”

The motto of St. MacDara's represents a desire always to look forward and meet the challenges of the future with confidence, in a spirit of teamwork shared by students staff and parents.

Ní neart gan cur le chéile.



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## Extra-Curricular Activities

### Sports

Aerobics, Athletics, Badminton, Basketball, Camogie, Football, Gaelic Hurling, Kayaking, Rugby, Soccer

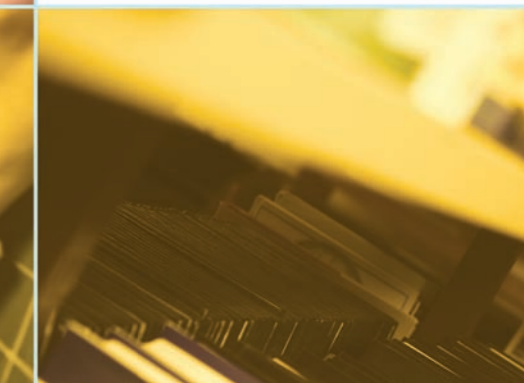
### Other Activities

Choir, Cumann Gaelach, Debating, Drama Group, Green Schools, History Association, Human Rights Group, Musicals, Orchestra, Poetry Society, Third World Fundraising



## How To Find Us

St MacDara's is served by the 150, 54A and 65 buses.



## The College Ethos

St. MacDara's Community College is a co-educational, multi-denominational school.

Its positive ethos is reflected in the quality of the relationships between all its stakeholders.

This collaborative approach is evident in the College's mission statement.

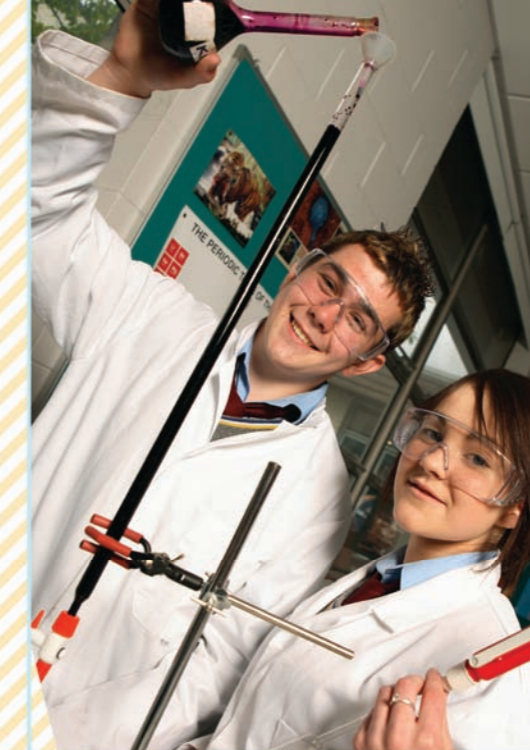


## Educational Philosophy & Achievements

Participation, commitment and a desire for excellence are values which underpin the college's educational philosophy.

Academic successes of students include:

- Gold and Silver Medal winners in Junior and Leaving Certificate Examinations.
- Membership of Irish Maths Olympiad Team.
- Entrance Scholarships to Trinity College and University College, Dublin.
- Sports Scholarships to University College, Dublin.
- Primary, Master and Doctorate Degrees
- Careers as writers, film producers, TV presenters, classical & popular musicians, renowned artists, and many high achieving self-employed business and trades persons.



## Students

St. MacDara's recognises that our students are central to the school community.

We acknowledge the importance of student involvement in decision-making. The Student Council allows students to make a positive contribution to the college.

All students are encouraged to reach their potential by focusing primarily on their academic development and achievement while also availing of the opportunity to participate in extra curricular activities.



## The Mission Statement

We, the community of this College, through a caring and collective approach, aspire to provide a broad-based education for all, to foster respect and dignity and to promote a safe and just environment by positively encouraging all to realise their potential.



## Parents

The support of parents is central to the education of their children.

Parents and teachers meet on a regular basis to monitor student progress and welfare.

The Parents' Association and the Parents' Support Group actively assist the work of the college. Their positive involvement and dedication facilitates the provision of a high quality educational experience for the students of St. MacDara's.



## The History of the College

St. MacDara's Community College was founded in 1982.

The College is named after the 6th century Irish monk, MacDara, who had associations with the local area prior to founding an island hermitage off the coast of County Galway.

St. MacDara's has grown from an initial enrolment of 66 students to a student population of over 800.



In extra curricular areas, many students have achieved recognition in a variety of disciplines:

- Debating & Public Speaking: Winners & Finalists in national competitions
- Feis Ceoil: winners of various musical competitions
- Music: performers on national TV & at the National Concert Hall
- Young Scientist Exhibition entrants
- Third World Development: the leading fundraiser among second level schools over the past decade. The College has an active human rights student group.
- Athletics: representing Ireland at Olympic and World Championships.
- International caps: by both male & female students in soccer, rugby & hockey
- Other international representation: table tennis, karate and kick boxing.
- Intercounty representation in gaelic football, hurling & camogie.
- All Ireland titles in athletics, basketball & soccer .
- Leinster titles in athletics, basketball, soccer, rugby, gaelic football, hurling & camogie.



## Staff

Subject Teachers, Tutors and Year Heads play an active role in supporting the students, alongside the Career Guidance & Counselling Department, the College Chaplaincy and the Learning Support Department. The academic, administrative, caretaking and domestic staff work together to ensure the smooth running of the College.

## Management

The Board of Management runs the College under the aegis of the County Dublin VEC, and is comprised of VEC, Archdiocesan, parent and staff representatives. The Principal acts as the Secretary to the Board of Management and is responsible for the day to day running of the College.