

Annual Admission Notice 2027/2028

The following Annual Admission Notice has been prepared by the board of management of St Mac Dara's Community College in respect of the admission of students to the school for the school year 2027/2028. This notice was published on 21/09/2026.

Total number of places available in First Year Group:	162
Number of places already allocated in First Year Group:	0
Number of places left in First Year Group:	162

A copy of St Mac Dara's Community College Admission Policy is available at.	School website www.stmacdaras.ie
	School office (for printed copy)
	By emailing info@stmacdaras.ie
An Application Form for admission to St Mac Dara's Community College is available from 01/10/2026.	School website. www.stmacdaras.ie
	School office (for printed copy)
	By emailing info@stmacdaras.ie

All applications to the First Year Group in St Mac Dara's Community College will only be accepted from the 01/10/2026 and the closing date for receipt of applications is the 22/10/'26. Applications received after this date will be considered and processed as late applications in accordance with the school's Admission Policy.

All transfer applications to the Second, Third, Fourth, Fifth or Sixth Year Groups in St Mac Dara's Community College will only be accepted from the 19/4/2027 and the closing date for receipt of applications is the 21/5/2027. Applications received after this date will be considered and processed as late applications in accordance with the school's Admission Policy.

All applicants to the First-Year Group and/or Special Class for the following academic year will be notified of an offer of a place or refusal of admission by:	10/11/2026
Successful applicants to the First Year Group and/or Special Class must confirm their acceptance of an offer of admission by completing and returning the Acceptance Form on or before:	24/11/2026

Note: Failure to accept an offer of admission before the relevant deadline set out above, or that stated on any letter of offer, may result in the offer being withdrawn.

St Mac Dara's CC will cooperate with the National Council for Special Education in the performance by the Council of its functions under the Education for Persons with Special Educational Needs Act 2004 relating to the provision of education to children with special educational needs, including in particular by the provision and operation of a special class or classes when requested to do so by the Council.

St Mac Dara's CC will comply with any direction served on the patron or the board of management, as the case may be, under section 37A and any direction served on the board of management under section 67(4B) of the Education Act.

Last year the school was oversubscribed and the following is a breakdown of the award of places:

The number of applications to St Mac Dara's CC for the First-Year Group exceeded the 162 places available within the school in 2026/2027.

Number of places available:	162
Number of applications received:	527
Number of offers made:	439
Breakdown of offers against criteria applied:	439 – Total offers made • 86 offers – Within catchment area; • 39 offers – with siblings currently enrolled in the school; • 4 offers – Students who have a Parent/Guardian on Staff • 45 offers – Students had attended feeder school A. • 4 offers - Students with siblings previously enrolled. • 0 offers – Students with parents / grandparents who previously attended the school (to a maximum of 25% of the places available under this heading). • Number of students who met no criteria - 320

Signed: Yvonne Collins
Chairperson of the Board of Management

Date: 10-09-26

Signed: FO 1550
Secretary of the Board of Management / Principal

Date: 10/09/26