

ST. ANNE'S SECONDARY SCHOOL TIPPERARY



ST. ANNE'S SECONDARY SCHOOL **PROSPECTUS**

Facing the future with confidence, while preserving the best of the past.



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Welcome

Welcome to St. Anne's Secondary School. St. Anne's is a Catholic voluntary secondary school for girls, established by the Sisters of Mercy, over one hundred and forty years ago on Rosanna Road, Tipperary town. The school is now under the patronage of CEIST. While a great deal has changed since the school was established, the excellent academic standards and strong caring ethos continues to permeate daily life here in St. Anne's School. We want your daughter to achieve her potential and be the very best that she can be, both personally and academically. We aim to achieve this in St. Anne's by providing a caring and safe environment that encourages and motivates each student to achieve.



Our dedicated teaching staff work hard to create a positive and engaging learning environment for all. Students are provided with a wide choice of subjects and the school has a strong tradition in facilitating extra-curricular activities including those across the arts, drama, music, and sport. A comprehensive programme is in place to ease the transition from primary school to St. Anne's. This helps our new students look forward to the great adventure, establishing themselves as integrated happy individuals with a sense of their own worth.

We invite parent(s)/guardian(s) to join us as partners in the education of their daughters. Together we will work to ensure that the girls entrusted to our care will grow to achieve their full potential. We understand the trust that parent(s)/guardian(s) place in us when enrolling their daughter here. We believe that working in partnership with parents helps to work towards the collective hopes and ambitions that we share with you for your daughter.

This prospectus provides information to prospective students and their parent(s)/guardian(s) and will assist you in your choice of second level school. St. Anne's provides students with a caring and supportive environment that will empower and enable them to be the very best that they can be, in everything that they do. On behalf of the Trustees, Management and Staff of St. Anne's, I wish to extend a warm welcome to you and invite you to contact the school if you wish to discuss any matters relating to your daughter's enrolment.

John Cullinane
Principal

Mission Statement

The management and teaching staff of St. Anne's Secondary School, in co-operation with parents, are committed to the provision of a broadly-based education to the girls of the region and to achieving a balance between the academic, social, cultural, spiritual and physical components of that education, within the tradition established by the Mercy Sisters and continued by CEIST.

Ethos of St. Anne's

St. Anne's is a Voluntary Catholic Secondary School for girls. It was founded as a Mercy Secondary School and as such supports the religious and educational philosophy of its founder Catherine McAuley. St. Anne's now operates under the Trusteeship of CEIST (Catholic Education an Irish School Trust). CEIST advises and supports the school and as a CEIST school St. Anne's is guided by the following core values:

1. Promoting Spiritual and Human Development
2. Commitment to excellence and continually improving the Quality of Teaching and Learning
3. Showing Respect for every person
4. Creating a sense of Community with a special welcome for those most in need
5. Being Just and Responsible in our Relationships.

While St. Anne's Secondary School is rooted in the ethos of the Mercy sisters, it warmly welcomes applications from students of other faiths. We offer each student the opportunity to develop her abilities and talents and so reach her full potential in a caring and happy environment. While the school is firmly rooted in tradition, successive principals and staff have ensured that the curriculum has kept pace with modern educational thinking.





School Curriculum

St. Anne's encourages the pursuit of excellence in academic study both for its intrinsic value and as a preparation for life after secondary school. The school enjoys a deserved reputation for outstanding academic results and has a plan for continuous improvement and development to ensure that the education provided continues to meet the ever-changing demands of the twenty first century. St. Anne's has an excellent teaching staff who set the highest standards for behaviour and intellectual development. The curriculum is kept as wide as possible for as long as possible, ensuring that each student has the opportunity to identify her strengths and interests. As per Department of Education policy, Junior Cycle English, Irish and Maths are offered at both higher and ordinary level. All other subjects at Junior Cycle are taken at a common level. At Leaving Certificate, subjects are offered at both higher and ordinary levels.

Junior Cycle Subjects

Core Subjects

Irish
English
Maths
Geography
History
Science
French or German*

**Students choose French or German in early November of 1st Year*

Optional Subjects

Business Studies
Home Economics
Music
Visual Art

Students choose 2 of these

Wellbeing

CSPE
SPHE
PE
Wellbeing
Choir (1st Year only)

All students study these subjects

Short Courses

Coding

Other Areas of Learning



Leaving Certificate Subjects

St. Anne's enjoys a deserved reputation for outstanding academic results and well over ninety per cent of our students proceed to further education, entering a wide range of professions and occupations. Students take seven subjects for Leaving Certificate examination.

Core Subjects

Irish
English
Maths

Option Subjects (choose 4)

Accounting
Agricultural Science
Art
Biology
Business
Chemistry
French
German
History
Home Economics
Music
Physical Education
Physics

Students also have classes in Physical Education (non-examination), Religious Education, Guidance Counselling, Computer Studies and Enterprise Education as part of the Leaving Certificate Vocational Programme (LCVP).

Transition Year

St. Anne's has a long established and very successful optional Transition Year Programme. Students are prepared academically and personally for Leaving Certificate and also experience the world of employment with three weeks work placement. Other core features of the programme include computer studies, driving lessons, debating, the 'An Gaisce' Presidents Award and numerous opportunities to enter competitions such as the BT Young Scientist, SciFest, Art Competitions, Young Social Innovators, Student Enterprise Awards, Young Environmentalist and Junk Kouture.

Leaving Certificate Applied

The Leaving Certificate Applied programme is a two-year Leaving Certificate programme aimed at preparing students for adult and working life. The programme sets out to recognise the talents of all students and to provide opportunities for developing personal responsibility, self-esteem and self-knowledge, and helps students apply what they learn to the real world. The two-year programme consists of four half-year blocks called sessions. Achievement is credited in each session. Courses are offered in three main areas: Vocational Preparation; General Education; and Vocational Education. Assessment takes place on the completion of modules, and there is also a final examination in each of the following areas:

- English and Communication
- Two vocational specialisms
- Mathematical Applications
- Language
- Social Education

Students who successfully complete the programme are awarded a Leaving Certificate from the Department of Education. The certificate is awarded at three levels: Pass, Merit, and Distinction.

(www.curriculumonline.ie)

For further information about the Leaving Certificate Applied programme please contact school management.

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Extra-Curricular Activities

In St. Anne's we feel that it is important to provide a wide range of extra-curricular activities.

Participation in such activities is not only hugely enjoyable for students but also promotes a feeling of school community. We provide an extensive range of activities. The list of activities currently on offer are below however, this list varies to meet student interests.

- Agri-Aware competition
- Art Competitions
- Athletics
- Basketball
- Camogie
- Charity events
- Choir
- Creative writing
- Debating
- Equestrian – Show Jumping and Hunter Trials
- Essay competitions
- First Aid
- Gaelic football
- Gaisce Presidents Awards
- Golf
- Green schools
- Hockey
- Junk Kouture
- Maths competitions/maths club
- Orchestra
- Photography
- Public speaking
- Science projects
- Retreats
- School Musical
- Student council
- Student Enterprise Awards
- Swimming
- Tennis
- Tours within Ireland and abroad
- Visits to theatre, historical sites and places of cultural interest.
- Young Social Innovators
- School retreats



Student Services and Facilities

Pastoral Care

Each girl is a valued member of the school community and the welfare, dignity and happiness of all our students is at the heart of school policy. The principal and deputy principal are always on hand to meet the needs of students, to listen to them and to offer support. Each year group is assigned a Year Tutor who oversees the academic progress, general welfare and social development of students.

Learning Support/Additional Education Needs (AEN)

The AEN Department provides a variety of educational support to students ranging from short-term interventions to longer, ongoing learning support. Its focus is on reassurance, the building of strengths and the improvement of outcomes for students in groups or in one-to-one settings. The AEN co-ordinator is Ms. Siobhan O'Donoghue. Students who qualify for learning support, resource hours or SNA support will receive these supports in St. Anne's. The SEN department also offers support to students for whom English is their second language.

Student Council

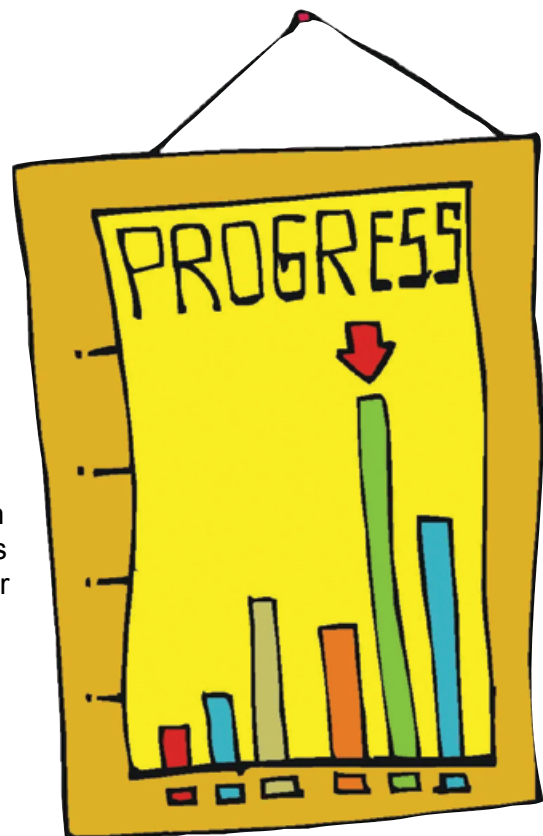
The student council provides students with a voice and works in partnership with school management, staff and parents. Members of the Student Council are elected from each class group. The council meets regularly to debate issues that concern the student body. Training is provided for council members.

Supervised Study

Supervised study is available for students from Monday to Friday 3.50 – 5.50pm. Saturday study is also available from 10am to 4pm.

Career Guidance and Counselling

The students of St. Anne's benefit from the services of a specialist Career Guidance Counsellor who advises students on subject choice and supports them in making informed decisions regarding career options. Information evenings are provided for parents to help with career choice and subject choice. Study skills seminars are offered to both Junior and Senior students.



Assessment

In addition to class assessments in St. Anne's we operate a system of regular formal assessment for all students with reports being sent home. Printed reports are posted home and are also available on Vsware. The advantages of this system are many

- regular Assessments and Reports encourage students to take increasing responsibility for their own learning and develop a consistent work ethic.
- Students, parents/guardians and teachers can track a student's progress in each subject throughout the year.
- Students and teachers can evaluate progress and assess if a topic or area needs further work.

Lunchtime Activities

Students have the opportunity to get involved in many activities at lunchtime including chess club and board games. Many students also are involved in practice and rehearsals for sport and music during lunchtime.

Support for new students

Fifth year students are trained as first year mentors and help our first years to settle in. Each first year meets their mentor in the May before they begin, and their mentor accompanies them during their first day in school. Fun activities are organised by the mentors during the year to help first years to broaden their friendship circle.



ICT Equipment /Broadband

The critical importance of Information and Communication Technology is fully recognized and is increasingly integrated into the curriculum. Broadband and data projectors are available in all classrooms. Our aim is that students will be ICT literate by the time they leave St. Anne's and aware of both the value and potential risks associated with the use of ICT. First years are timetabled for computers which includes an introduction to coding. Students in transition year complete a rigorous Computer Studies Programme.

Specialist Rooms

St. Anne's is very well equipped in the practical area with three modern Science Laboratories along with specialist rooms for Art, Music, Computers and Home Economics.

Canteen and Tuck shop

Both canteen and tuck shop facilities are available in St. Anne's. A wide selection of hot and cold food - sandwiches, hot meals, wraps, soup and salads can be ordered in the morning and are delivered to the school in time for lunch.

Lift

The installation of a lift ensures that our school is accessible to all students.

Sports Facilities

Our students benefit from a lively and varied Physical Education programme which takes place either in the school hall or outside on the basketball courts or green area. Students have access to the sports facilities in the Canon Hayes Recreation Centre for Basketball and Hockey, train for tennis in the adjacent Rosanna tennis courts, swimming in the Sean Treacy Memorial Swimming Pool and train for Football and Camogie in the Monastery pitch nearby.



General Information

School Uniform:

The school uniform consists of:

Green and Navy Pleated Skirt or Navy Trousers

White Blouse (reversed collar)

Navy Jumper with crest

Low heeled black or navy shoes (Runners not acceptable)

Students must wear their uniform each day and keep it neat and tidy. The school uniform is available at Julie's, Main St. Tipperary Town.

School Day

The school day begins with assembly each morning at 8.45am. There is a 15 min break at 10.10am for senior students and 10.50am for junior students. Lunch varies between 30 mins on two days and 1 hour on three days. All Junior students remain on the school premises during lunch. Senior students may go down the town during lunch with parental permission.

First Year Class Groups

It is school policy not to stream classes in first year. Classes are divided into equal mixed ability groups. After first year classes in Irish and Maths are divided in accordance with the levels taken by students, i.e., higher or ordinary level. Classes in other subjects usually remain mixed ability. However, management reserves the right to stream in other subject areas if the need arises.

Subject Choice

First years are given an opportunity to sample all option subjects before a choice has to be made. First years study all four option subjects throughout the year and then choose two of these subjects at the end of first year. First years choose between French and German in October, having sampled both languages in September and October.

Book Rental

A book rental system operates from first to sixth year in St. Anne's for all students. Information will be available following the first year enrolment assessments.

Partnership with Parents

Parents/Guardians are invited to the school on a number of occasions each year and written reports on academic performance are sent home. We encourage parents to take a positive interest in their daughter's homework and in all aspects of their daughter's life at school. We welcome contact from home and the Principal/Deputy/Year Tutor are happy to discuss with parents any concerns they may have in relation to their daughter. Parents are welcome to become part of the Parents Council, which is an active, dynamic group that work to ensure the best possible education for the students.

Enrolment Process for 2023/24 Academic Year

The application process begins with submission of a completed application form. This application form is available to download at www.stannesschool.ie or on request by emailing info@stannesschool.ie or contacting the school by phone (062)51747. The decision dates for admission, each year, are published on the annual admission notice available on the school website (www.stannesschool.ie).

September & October 2022	Opportunities for parents/guardians to visit the school with their child- please contact the school office to arrange a viewing
1st October 2022	St. Anne's will commence taking applications for students who wish to enrol in September 2023
10th November 2022	Open Evening in St. Anne's- 7pm
18th November 2022	Closing date for enrolment applications for September 2023
30th November 2022	Applicants will be notified on the decision of their application
7th December 2022	Applicants required to confirm acceptance of a place
January 2023	St. Anne's will contact students with details of transition programme events



Contact Details

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