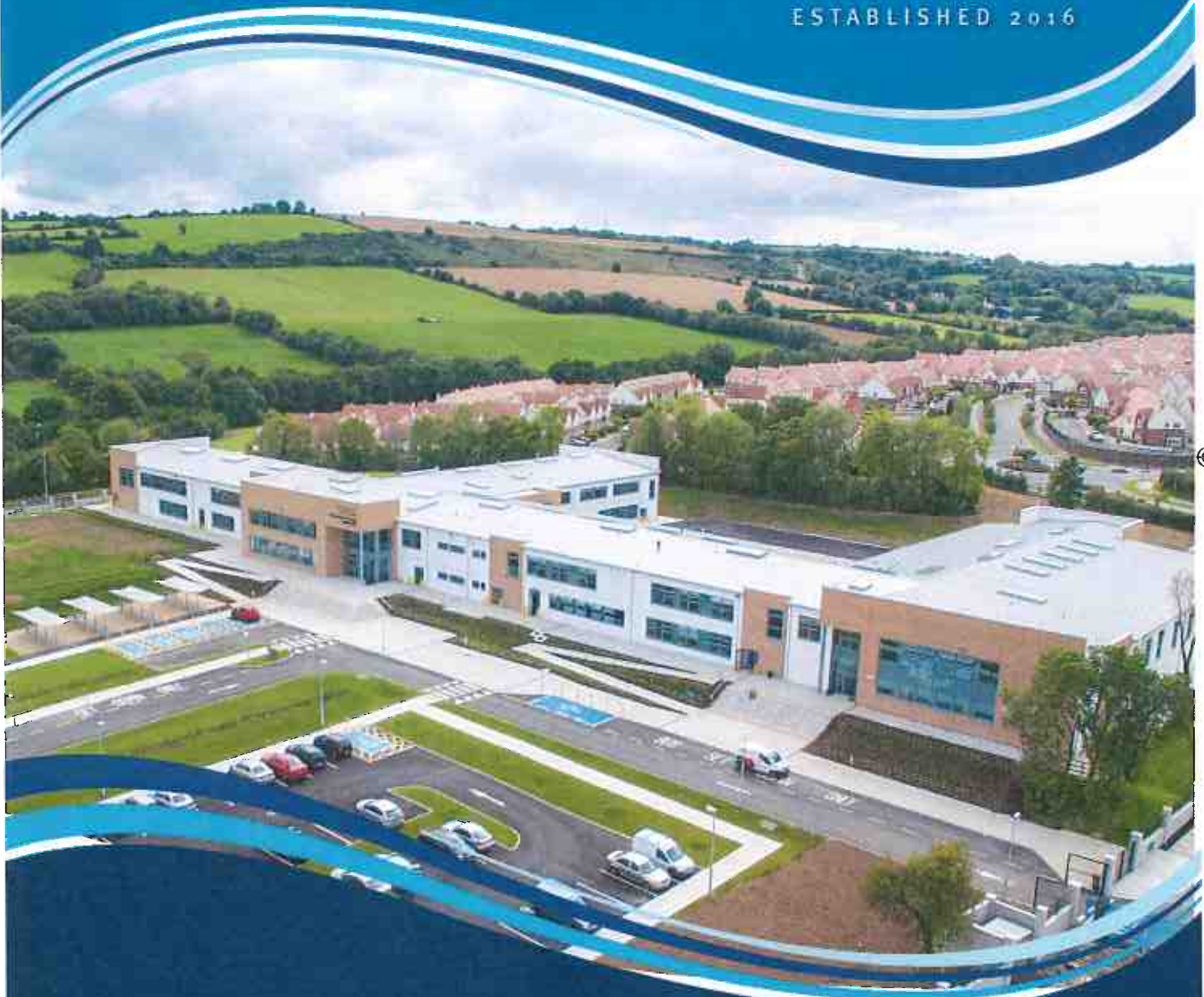


# EDMUND RICE COLLEGE CARRIGALINE



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## PROSPECTUS



## A Message from the Principal

September 2021

Dear Parents/ Guardians and Students,

It gives me great pleasure to welcome you to Edmund Rice College, Carrigaline, Co. Cork. Edmund Rice College is a co-educational, non-fee paying Catholic voluntary secondary school. The school is located in Kilnagleary, Carrigaline in a modern, spacious and well equipped new school building which provides our students and teachers with state of the art facilities.

As an Edmund Rice school our work with our students reflects the five key elements of the ERST Charter. The key elements of Nurturing Faith, Christian Spirituality and Gospel-based Values, Promoting Partnership in the School Community, Excelling in Teaching and Learning, Creating a Caring School Community and Inspiring Transformational Leadership are central to our thoughts, deeds and work.

Choosing a secondary school for your child is an important decision. If you decide to enrol your child in Edmund Rice College you will be sending your child to a school that focuses on ensuring that all students experience excellent teaching and learning to enable them reach their full potential in a caring Christian environment in which each individual is respected and develops as a person.

The transition from primary school to secondary school is a time of great change for every student and their parents/ guardians. While it is an exciting time, it is also a time that can pose challenges and requires a period of adjustment and settling in. Please rest assured that we take care of all of our students as they settle into secondary school in Edmund Rice College. We have a strong student care team in place and each student will get to know their subject teachers, Class Teacher, Year Head and Guidance Counsellor once they begin secondary school. These teachers, along with the Deputy Principal and myself, are here to help at all times.

Irrespective of the secondary school you choose I wish your child every success and happiness in second level education. Please feel free to contact the school at any stage if you have any queries.

Yours sincerely,

*Adele Flynn*

Principal



## Edmund Rice College

Edmund Rice College, Carrigaline is a newly established, co-educational, non-fee paying, voluntary secondary school with a Catholic ethos operating under the patronage of the Edmund Rice Schools Trust (ERST) and based on the vision of the founder of the Christian Brothers, Blessed Edmund Ignatius Rice.

Edmund Rice College provides an integrated and inclusive education for boys and girls from Carrigaline and surrounding areas. The school provides a holistic education focusing on the full development of every student.

Edmund Rice College strives for excellence in all aspects of teaching and learning and promotes the development of the school community in accordance with the five key elements of the ERST school charter:

- Nurturing faith, Christian spirituality and Gospel-based values;
- Promoting partnership;
- Excellence in teaching and learning;
- Creating a caring school community;
- Inspiring transformational leadership.



In the spirit of the ERST Charter, Edmund Rice College promotes these key values taking into account emerging needs in the broader Carrigaline community. The school endeavours to achieve excellence at all levels in partnership with parents, staff, students, trustees and the local community.

### The school endeavours and aspires to:

- assist students to develop a sense of responsibility to their faith;
- promote academic excellence to the full potential of each and every student;
- nurture each individual's self-esteem and confidence;
- create an environment where students grow in maturity;
- encourage the development of leadership qualities and life-skills in all;
- provide the opportunity for the physical development of every student.

### Edmund Rice College supports the principles of:

- Inclusiveness;
- Equality of access and participation in the school;
- Parental choice in relation to enrolment;
- Respect for diversity of traditions, values, beliefs, languages and ways of life in society.

While recognising and acknowledging the rights of ERST as trustees as set out in the Education Act 1998, Edmund Rice College operates within the context and parameters of Department of Education and Skills regulations and programmes and the funding and resources available.



## Our School Crest

Our school crest features the following elements which represent our place in the community of Carrigaline and in the community of Edmund Rice schools:



- **Ogham Letters:** Edmund Rice Schools Trust is written in ogham letters as a representation of the fact that our school is an Edmund Rice school. Ogham is an early medieval alphabet used to write the early Irish language.
- **Celtic Cross:** The Celtic Cross reflects the fact that as an Edmund Rice school Gospel-based values are central to our thoughts, deeds and work.
- **Greek Letters:** Alpha and Omega, the first and last letters of the Greek alphabet, are featured in the Book of Revelation phrase "I am the Alpha and the Omega". The phrase is further clarified with the additional phrase "the beginning and the end". The phrase is interpreted by many to mean that Jesus has existed for all eternity and that God is eternal.
- **Books:** Books feature on the crest to reflect the fact that our school is a place of teaching and learning.
- **Heron:** The heron has become a symbol of the town of Carrigaline due to the fact that herons can be often seen on the Owenabue river which runs through the town. A sculpture of a heron proudly stands on the roundabout at the entrance to the town centre.
- **Castle:** Ballea Castle, on the eastern side of the town, has stood for over 800 years and the village of Carrigaline was originally located around the castle.

The **blue and yellow colours** of the crest reflect the Carrigaline colours and are worn by many sporting teams representing the town.

## School Building

Our school building is on an 8 acre site in Kilnagleary, Carrigaline. The 8660 sq metres (93,000 sq feet) two-storey building is designed to accommodate 600 students. The school building contains general classrooms, pastoral offices and social spaces as well as a full range of dedicated specialist rooms for Science, Art, Music, Home Economics, Construction Studies, Technology, Design and Communication Graphics as well as a PE hall, changing rooms, outdoor courts and a Special Educational Needs Suite.



## School Day

- Class begins at 8.30am
- Class ends at 3.15pm
- Early finish on Wednesday – 12.50pm
- Morning break at 10.38am (15 minutes duration)
- Lunch break at 12.49pm (30 minutes duration)
- Students remain on school campus throughout the school day

## School Uniform:

- Blue jumper with school crest
- White shirt
- Blue and yellow striped tie
- Grey trousers or skirt
- Black tights or socks
- Black shoes (not runners)
- Navy jacket with school crest

## PE Uniform:

- Navy tracksuit top with school crest
- Navy tracksuit pants with yellow piping
- Polo shirt with school crest
- Navy shorts (optional)

The uniform is available in Cahill's Casuals, Kilmoney Road, Carrigaline, Co. Cork.



## Junior Cycle Curriculum:

### Core exam subjects:

- Irish
- English
- Maths
- History
- Geography
- Science
- Religious Education (RE)

### Core non-exam subjects:

- Physical Education (PE)
- Social, Personal and Health Education (SPHE)
- Information Technology (IT)
- Civic, Social and Political Education (CSPE)

### Option Subjects:

- Business Studies
- French
- German
- Home Economics
- Wood Technology
- Music
- Spanish
- Graphics
- Applied Technology
- Visual Art

All students study each of these subjects for a few weeks during their first term in secondary school. Each student then chooses three subjects which they continue studying until the Junior Cycle examination at the end of third year.



## Senior Cycle Curriculum

### Core exam subjects:

- Irish
- English
- Maths
- 4 other subjects from the following:

Art, Music, Business, Accounting, Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Construction Studies, Design and Communication Graphics, Technology, French, German, Spanish, History, Geography, Home Economics, Japanese, Physical Education, Religious Education.

*Please note that teaching groups are formed subject to student demand and sufficient school resources*

### Core non-exam subjects:

Religious Education (RE)

Physical Education (PE)

Guidance

## Transition Year

A Transition year programme is offered to students on completion of Junior Cycle. The programme is optional: it builds on and consolidates skills and knowledge gained in Junior Cycle as well as offering students a wide variety of new learning experiences. Students continue with their core academic subjects and also experience new modules.





## Special Education Needs (SEN)

As a school community we provide a responsive and flexible approach to the needs of students with Special Educational Needs. Working within the resources provided by the Department of Education and Skills we provide resource teaching, learning support classes, support of Special Needs Assistants and a reduced curriculum where appropriate. Each student with SEN is provided with an individual programme which is agreed following consultation with parents/ guardians, our SEN Co-ordinator and other professionals as appropriate.

## Student Care Team

In line with our school ethos and the ERST Charter care of our students is at the centre of our work in Edmund Rice College. Our Student Care Team is made up of:

- Subject Teachers
- Class Teachers (one for each base class group)
- Year Heads (one for each year group)
- Guidance Counsellor
- Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator
- Deputy Principal
- Principal

As a growing school we are continually developing our Student Care Team and structures to ensure that each student receives care and support during their time in Edmund Rice College. Information shared with the school regarding a student is dealt with in a confidential and professional manner and is shared on a "need to know" basis only.







## Partnership with Parents/ Guardians

In keeping with our school ethos and the ERST Charter we work in close partnership with the parents/ guardians of our students. As the parent/ guardian of a student attending Edmund Rice College you are invited to play an active role in our Parents' Association. The parent body elects two people to serve as members of the Board of Management. Parent/ Teacher meetings are held on an annual basis for each year group and parents/ guardians are always welcome to meet with an individual teacher or teachers, the Deputy Principal and/ or Principal. We operate an appointment based system for such meetings as it avoids "wasted journeys" to the school to meet a teacher who may be in class and therefore unavailable at that time.

## Extra-Curricular Activities

As a growing school we are developing a broad ranged programme of extra-curricular activities. The activities include sport, drama, photography, wood-turning and debating as well as activities that incorporate community involvement and reflect the interests of our students and the skills of our staff.



## School Transport

There is currently one Bus Éireann school transport service serving the school. This bus runs from the Ballygarvan area. Eligible students can apply for inclusion on this service via the Bus Éireann website.



## First Year 2022/ 23 Enrolment Process

- Sixth-class pupils and their parents/ guardians invited to attend Open Evening (16th September 2021)
- Application Forms available from the school website [www.ercarrigaline.ie](http://www.ercarrigaline.ie) as well as the school office and at the Open Evening
- Completed applications forms can be submitted to the school between Friday, 1st October 2021 and Thursday, 21st October 2021
- Closing date for receipt of Application Forms is Thursday, 21st October 2021
- Offer of places will be made in writing by Friday, 12th November 2021
- If a place is not accepted by the date specified in the letter of offer it may be withdrawn.

All places will be allocated in line with the Edmund Rice College Enrolment 2022/23 Policy. The number of school places in first year 2022/23 will not exceed 100. Places will be allocated in accordance with the following criteria and in the following order:

1. Siblings of students currently attending Edmund Rice College, Carrigaline
2. Children of current staff members as well as current and former Board of Management members
3. Students attending primary school in Carrigaline, Ringaskiddy, Shanbally or Ballygarvan
4. Students who are resident in these areas but attending school elsewhere or being home schooled. Please note that the Board of Management reserves the right to seek proof of address
5. All other on-time applicants

In the event that the number of applications exceeds 100, places will be filled by lottery. The lottery will be supervised by a nominee of the Board of Management who is not a member of the board. A separate lottery will be held for each of the categories detailed above. All applications will be checked to ensure they are placed in the correct lottery. All applications will be drawn from the lottery and either placed on the list of students being offered enrolment (to a maximum of 100 students) or on the waiting list. Students will be placed on these lists in accordance with the order in which they are drawn from the lottery drum. Any vacancies that arise will be offered in strict numerical order to students on the waiting list. The waiting list will cease to operate once all students on it have been offered a place or on 30th September 2022, whichever occurs earlier.

## Information Gathering

Following the acceptance of a place in Edmund Rice College we begin getting to know our incoming students in the following ways:

- **Entrance Assessment (Spring 2022):** We use this assessment to identify the individual strengths of each student and to identify areas of academic progress which may need extra support. The results of the entrance assessment are shared with parents/ guardians.
- **Visits to primary schools (Late Spring 2022):** We meet with sixth-class teachers in each of our feeder schools and hear of each student's academic progress, talents and interests.
- **Visit to Edmund Rice College (Late Spring 2022):** Our in-coming 1st year students are invited to visit the school and spend a day with our current students. During this day the students experience life in secondary school and meet our teachers, SNAs and students.
- **Meetings with each student and their parents/ guardians (Late Spring 2022):** Each student is invited, along with their parents/ guardians, to meet the Principal and to discuss the arrangements for the start of the school year and any queries that may have arisen.
- **Education Passports (Early Summer 2022):** Primary schools forward the Education Passport of each of their students enrolling in Edmund Rice College. This passport is compiled by the primary school in conjunction with the student and their parents/ guardians and contains the student's academic record as well as information regarding their school attendance record, interests and hopes for their time in secondary school.



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