



OPEN EVENING

WELCOME

Welcome

to St. Declan's College

THE CLASS OF

2033

Your journey starts here.















OUR ETHOS

Faith-inspired education, rooted in service.

ETHOS

Our schools are Catholic schools which promote a Christian concept of the world with a spiritual and moral values system that contributes to the good of society as a whole.



Iontaobhas Scoileanna Éamainn Rís
Edmund Rice Schools Trust

CATHOLIC EDUCATION
IN THE EDMUND RICE TRADITION

A shared mission. A living tradition.

THE CHARTER

Five commitments that shape every Edmund Rice school

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KEY ELEMENTS

The five key elements of the Edmund Rice Schools Trust Charter are:

01



Nurturing faith, Christian spirituality and Gospel-based values

02



Promoting partnership

03



Excelling in teaching and learning

04



Creating a caring school community

05



Inspiring transformational leadership



ST DECLAN'S COLLEGE

Mission Statement

St Declan's is in the trusteeship of the Edmund Rice Schools Trust and is committed to the fostering of Christian values and personal growth in all its dimensions, **spiritual, intellectual, moral, physical, emotional and social**. It strives to be a school which has at its core the care and development of each individual student and has as its motto "Cursum Tenere", "Hold Your Course".

OUR STORY

Part of your community

*Rooted in tradition.
Growing together.*

A shared history of learning, belonging and service.



ST. DECLAN'S COLLEGE

OUR HERITAGE



A legacy that lives on



FOUNDATIONS

A proud tradition of learning and community



THEN

Built on strong foundations



NOW

A community continuing to grow



Our students

- ▶ Diverse in every respect
- ▶ 22 different primary schools
- ▶ 24 Nationalities
- ▶ Across all levels of socio-economic backgrounds
- ▶ Across all measures of intellectual ability









Learning pathways

A broad and balanced programme across Junior and Senior Cycle



Junior Cycle

CORE PROGRAMME

English
Irish
Mathematics
Religious Education
History
Geography
Business

French, German or Spanish
Science
Metalwork/ Technical Graphics/
Woodwork/ Art/ Music

WELLBEING PE • CSPE • SPHE • Guidance



Senior Cycle: LCE - LCA

7 CORE AREAS + CHOOSE 4 OPTIONS

CORE

English
Irish
Maths
Religion
PE
Computer Studies
Career Guidance

OPTIONS

History
Geography
Biology
Chemistry
Physics
Business
Accounting
Economics

Engineering
Construction Studies
Design &
Communication
Graphics
Art
French
Spanish
German
Politics & Society
Physical Education

PE, RE, SPHE, Guidance

TRANSITION YEAR

Transition Year

*A year to explore,
grow and discover.*



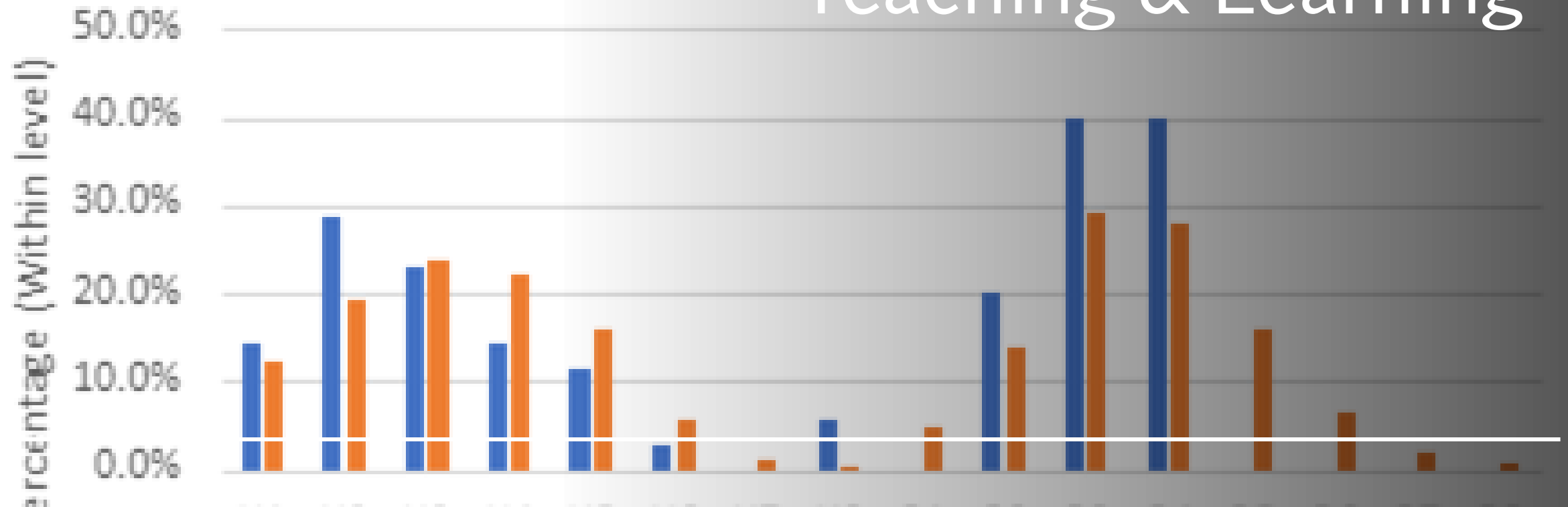
LEARNING THROUGH EXPERIENCE

New skills. New perspectives. Lasting connections.

	Cohort	Nation	Difference			
Taking Higher Level	87.5%	82.7%	4.8%			
Taking Ordinary Level	12.5%	17.3%	-4.8%			

St. Declan's vs Nation Geography

Excellence
in
Teaching & Learning



TEACHING & LEARNING

Excellence in Teaching & Learning

*High expectations.
Inspired learning.
Outstanding outcomes.*



CELEBRATING ACHIEVEMENT

ST. DECLAN'S COLLEGE



EXCELLENCE IN ACTION



Additional Educational Needs



DIGITAL LEARNING



Preparing learners for a changing digital world

A whole-school approach to digital learning

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Digital literacy

First Year, Transition Year, LCA and AI seminars



Blended learning

Flexible classroom and online learning approaches



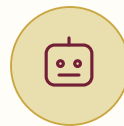
Microsoft 365

Outlook, Word, PowerPoint, Forms and OneNote



SchoolWise

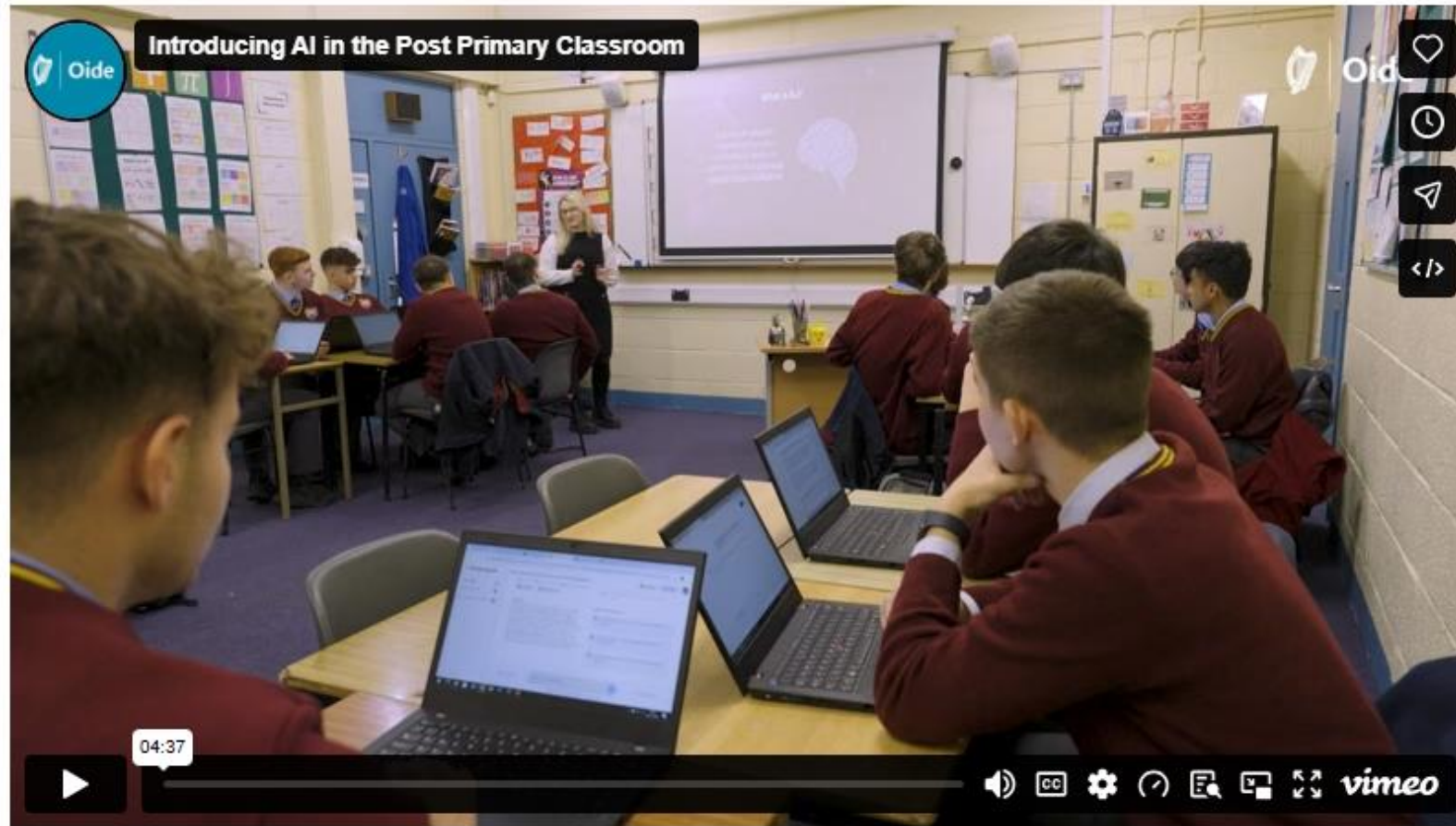
A connected platform for teaching and learning



Responsible AI

Leading education on the safe and responsible use of AI

Introducing AI in the Post Primary Classroom



Video Overview

Staff and students at St. Declan's College Cabra, discuss the integration of artificial intelligence (AI) tools in education. The focus is on fostering responsible AI usage among students and addressing the evolving role of AI in teaching and learning.

Extra- Curricular Activities



**Music, Chess
Club, Retro
Games Club,
Debating,
Public
Speaking**

**History Club, Sci
Fest, Dungeons &
Dragons, Gaisce,.**



Sport, Sport, Sport







Important Dates

Admissions Notice, Admissions Policy & Application Form available to download at: www.stdeclanscollege.ie > Enrolment

1.	The school will commence accepting applications for admission on	1 October 2026
2.	The school will cease accepting applications for admission on	23 October 2026
3.	Applicants will be notified in writing of the decision on their application by	16 November 2026
4.	Applicants must confirm acceptance of an offer of admission by	Completing and returning an Acceptance Form by 7th December

In the event of oversubscription



ST DECLAN'S COLLEGE

- Number of places being made available in the 2027/28 school year

The number of places being made available in 1 st Year is	120
The number of places being made available in the special class catering for students with ASD is	0

Oversubscription

Places specified in the annual admission statement will be offered in the following order of priority:

- Brothers of current pupils and pupils who have attended the school within the previous 10 years, from 1st September 2016 – 2026.

- Sons of past pupils

(Subject to a maximum of 25% of the number of places available as specified in the annual admission statement)

- Applicants living in the following grouping of parishes: Most Precious Blood, Our Lady Help of Christians, Christ the King and St Peter's and who attend the following feeder schools: Christ the King BNS, St Finbarr's BNS, St John Bosco's SBS, St Peter's N.S.

- Applicants living in the following grouping of parishes: Most Precious Blood, Our Lady Help of Christians, Christ the King and St Peter's who do not attend the following feeder schools: Christ the King BNS, St Finbarr's BNS, St John Bosco's SBS, St Peter's N.S.

- Applicants who attend a feeder school (Christ the King BNS, St Finbarr's BNS, St John Bosco's SBS, St Peter's N.S.) but are not living in the grouping of parishes listed above.

- All other applicants.

In the event that there are two or more students tied for a place or places in any of the selection criteria categories above (the number of applicants exceeds the number of remaining places), the following arrangement will apply:

- I. A lottery* will take place among all members of the category to decide the awarding of a place.

*The lottery for places will be conducted by the Principal overseen by a nominee of the Board of Management who is not a member of the board and supervised by a member of An Garda Síochána.

Siblings will be treated as one application and will all be offered a place simultaneously.

Learn more!

