



Coláiste Dún Iascaigh

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22nd June 2023

Dear Parent/Guardian,

As we approach the end of June, I wish to thank you for your support throughout the last Academic Year. This was much appreciated by all the staff in the Coláiste. I am looking forward to next year and developing further our commitment to the education of all our students.

Incoming 1st Years:

On behalf of our school staff, I want to welcome all new parents/guardians to the Coláiste. I thank you for trusting us with your son/daughter's education over the coming years. Our new students will get to meet their Year Head Mr. Ryan senior student mentors and connect teachers (tutors) on their first day in the Coláiste.

Student re-opening schedule:

The following are our return dates for the 2023/2024 academic year. Once a Year Group returns their academic year begins.

Date	Year Group
Monday 28 th August	1 st Years <i>Note: parents/guardians invited to attend with son/daughter at 9am for induction meeting in PE hall for 30 minutes</i>
Tuesday 29 th August	6 th Years 6 th Year QQI 3 rd Years
Wednesday 30 th August	2 nd Years 5 th Years
Thursday 31 st August	Transition Year
Friday 1 st September	All year groups

Each year group have a Year Head assigned who should be parents/guardians first point of contact if you have concerns or questions about your son/daughter's progress in school. Each Junior Cycle class group will have Connect Teachers (Tutors) assigned who will meet with their class group weekly.

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Ms. Tarrant will be the Deputy Principal with responsibility for the *Junior Cycle Year Groups* and Mr. Delahunty will be the Deputy Principal with responsibility for our *Senior Cycle Year Groups*.

The school has a full time Chaplain and three full time Career/Guidance Teachers who support students daily and are available for any advice/information you may require.

New First Year Students - Resources

Step Up To Secondary School is a helpful resource developed by Planet Youth and their partners. It has several resource pages for parents and students. Each resource page has a number of topics to browse through. Some topics have additional information such as advice, videos or extra research. You can access this site here - www.stepup.ie

Year Heads:

First Year	Mr Paul Ryan	pryan_2@tipperaryetb.ie
Second Year	Ms Joanne Trehy	jtrehy@tipperaryetb.ie
Third Year	Ms Norma Barry Hurley	nbarry_hurley@tipperaryetb.ie
Transition Year	Mr Gavin Berry	gberry@tipperaryetb.ie
Fifth Year	Ms Cara Shanahan	cshanahaan@tippereraryetb.ie
Sixth Year	Mr Stephen O'Brien	sobrien@tipperaryetb.ie

Leaving Certificate 2023:

Our 6th year students have now completed all their exams and they must be complimented in the effort they made throughout the last two years. This year we have 6th year students applying for courses in medicine, teaching, business courses, science courses and engineering courses to mention a few. Some of our students have already started their apprenticeships. Well done to everyone in the class of 2023.

Junior Certificate Class 2023:

Our third years have now completed their state exams and the vast majority are looking forward now to Transition Year. This decision affords these students time to develop and mature as young people and it affords these students opportunities to taste all Leaving Certificate subjects in preparation for choices to be made in 5th year. Our 3rd years have done exceptionally well, and I congratulate them on finishing third year in a very productive manner.

Summer Reports:

- 1st, 2nd, and 5th year reports are now available to view through the VSware parent app and a hardcopy of your son/daughter's report can be requested from the school if required.

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School Code of Behaviour:

This will issue to all parents/guardians by link before returning to school. A Consent Form will also be attached and all parents/guardians will be required to confirm that they have read through the Code of Behaviour with their son/daughter and will adhere to the Code of Behaviour as outlined.

Note: *Facial piercings are not allowed but if piercings are done 6 to 8 weeks in advance of returning to school the piercing will not close thus creating no issue.*

School Uniform:

The school uniform can be purchased in Uniform World in Clonmel. Please note that Uniform World have asked that orders should be placed before mid-July.

Note: School PE gear will be distributed from the school Monday 21st of August for 1st years and Tuesday the 22nd for all other year groups.

Afterschool Study:

This will run each day for Junior and Senior Cycle students with separate centres. Study runs from 4pm to 5.45 pm Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. Study centers are open from 2pm to 5pm each Wednesday. The cost is €150 per term. (€10 per week)

- Term 1 September to December
- Term 2 January to June

Note: A form will issue in August to apply for evening study.

Way to Pay:

This is our school [Parental Payment System](#). This will allow for payments to be spread over several weeks before school begins.

VShare:

This is our school Management Information and communication system. It is essential that the VShare parent App is downloaded from parents to access information on the following:

- Attendance
- Assessment (Term Reports)
- Behaviour
- Timetable

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- Personal Information
- VSmail Notifications (emails)

Note:

- Parents/Guardians of incoming 1st year will receive set up details and log in details in August for VSware.
- If parents/guardians want siblings attending the school to be linked to one account, please contact the school.
- If both parents/guardians wish to receive communication through VSware please contact the school otherwise it defaults to the first parent/guardian's name on the application form.

School Building:

Our extension plans have moved through phase 2 and are progressing well and while waiting for our permanent build the school has received 7 additional classrooms which are now finished and have greatly enhanced our school environment. The student canteen is being upgraded over the summer and a new school library will also open in September.

I want to wish all our school community an enjoyable summer, take care and keep safe.

Yours Sincerely,

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School Costs

Please note these are not a voluntary contribution as it goes directly to pay for items listed below.

- **Annual School Fees Per Student are: €140**

- School Insurance
- School Locker
- School Journal
- School Photocopying
- Guest speakers (Internet Safety, Study Skills)
- Cognitive Ability Testing
- Bus costs for students representing the school in extra-curricular activities (A charge may have to be introduced here)

- **Junior Cycle Book Rental Scheme: €220**

- The cost of the book scheme for **1st year students** will be €220 for three years. This covers the cost of additional books that may be required in 2nd and 3rd year. It is important to note that if the school did not operate a book scheme the cost of books would be €350 plus.

- This also covers Junior Cycle Maths pack (includes scientific calculator)

Note: 1st year **Book Rental Scheme** collection Monday 21st of August

- **Senior Cycle Book Rental Scheme: €180**

- The cost of the book scheme for 5th year students will be €180 for the two years. This covers the cost of all books that may be required in 5th and 6th year.

Note: 5th year **Book Rental Scheme** collection Wednesday 30th of August

- **School PE Tracksuit Gear:**

- The costs of the new school PE Gear are as follows:
 - €85 for tracksuit bottoms, top and school jersey purchased together is required by all 1st Years.
 - All other Year Groups who require any item of the school PE Tracksuit can purchase them from the school in late August. Mr. Burke has addressed any issue that arose with the



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tracksuit bottoms with suppliers and the option to purchase a straight leg/old style tracksuit pants will be available.

- Please note there is no PE classes on timetable for 5th and 6th years next year except those doing PE as an exam subject.

- **TY Cost:**

- The fee for the year is €500. All money collected from parents for Transition Year is fully utilised to cover costs of activities undertaken by our Transition Year students throughout the year, but additional cost may have to be charged throughout the year.

Additional Costs:

- Mock Exams for 3rd and 6th years will incur some additional costs.
- Curricular trips may take place throughout the year for certain groups.
- Year group trips may take place at the end of the year to places such as Tayto Park.
- UK trip may take place for 1st years after Christmas.