



Coláiste Dún Iascaigh

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June 2026:

Dear Parent/Guardian,

As we approach the start of the summer break, I wish to thank you for your support throughout the last academic year. This was much appreciated by all the staff in the Coláiste. Tipperary ETB is delighted to announce the appointment of Mr Francis Collins as the new Principal of Coláiste Dún Iascaigh.

I look forward to supporting Francis in his transition into his new role. I have no doubt Francis will bring a fresh energy and drive to the continued growth and development of our school.

Incoming 1st Years 2026/2027

On behalf of our school staff, I want to welcome all new parents/guardians to the Coláiste. 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.

Incoming 1st 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 few 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.

Start of Year Parent/Guardian Information Nights:

The following is a schedule of meetings that will take place at the start of the next Academic Year for parents/guardians. There have been significant changes to the academic calendar at both junior and senior cycle, and it is vital that students, parents and staff are all aligned with this new academic calendar year. Our school policies and procedures have also changed, and this information night will give us an opportunity to bring clarity to all of these. It is our expectation that every single parent/guardian would attend this 1-hour meeting.

All meetings will start at 7pm in the school auditorium

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Wednesday 26 th August	Transition Year Meeting
Tuesday 1 st September	6 th Years (including LCA 2)
Wednesday 2 nd September	3 rd Years
Thursday 3 rd September	5 th Years (including LCA 1)
Monday 7 th September	2 nd Years

Our relationships with all stakeholders will always be underpinned by our core values of respect, care, excellence in education, community and equality driven by our school motto

“Learning together to achieve and succeed”

Year Group Structures/Deputy Principals and Year Heads

Each year group will 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.

Ms. Tarrant starrant@tipperaryetb.ie Mr. Delahunty ddelahunty@tipperaryetb.ie and Mr O'Brien sobrien@tipperaryetb.ie will each take responsibility for the overall leadership of two-year groups.

Each Junior Cycle class group will in addition have Connect Teachers (Tutors) assigned who will meet with their class group weekly.

First Year	Mr. Paul Ryan	pryan_2@tipperaryetb.ie
Second Year	Ms. Norma Barry	nbarry_hurley@tipperaryetb.ie
Third Year	Ms Aoife Morrissey	aryan@tipperaryetb.ie
Transition Year	Mr Gavin Berry	gberry@tipperaryetb.ie
Fifth Year	Ms. Judith Shortall	jshortall@tipperaryetb.ie
Sixth Year	Ms. Marian O'Mahony	momahony@tipperaryetb.ie
LCA Students	Ms. Cara Shanahan	cshanahan@tipperaryetb.ie

The school has a full-time Chaplain Ms. Wade (jwade@tipperaryetb.ie) and two full-time

Career/Guidance teachers Ms O'Leary (coleary@tipperaryetb.ie) and Ms. Peters

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(speters@tipperaryetb.ie) who are available for any queries you may have around subject choices, career options and are available daily to meet with your son/daughter if required. Ms. Trehy (jtrehy@tipperaryetb.ie) is our Special Educational Needs co-ordinator.

Return to School Costs

These are summarised in the table below and explained in more detail further on Way to Pay:

This is our school [Parental Payment System](#). Texts will issue to your mobile phone informing you of when it is open for different payments.

<u>Item:</u>	<u>Year Group:</u>	<u>Amount:</u>	<u>Method of Payment:</u>
Textbooks	1 st and 5 th Year	free	State funded
Stationary	1 st , 2 nd , 3 rd , 5 th	free	State funded
Student Fee	1 st , 2 nd , 3 rd , 5 th and 6 th year	€150	Way to pay
Transition Year	4 th year	€500	Way to pay
School Uniform	Uniform World, Clonmel	varies	Bought in shop
School PE Uniform	All students	varies	Way to pay
School Jacket	All students	€50	Way to Pay
Afterschool Study	All students	€150 per term	Way to pay
Junior Dún	1 st years only (Monday 4pm to 5.45pm)	€70 per term	Way to pay
Mock Exam corrections	3 rd and 6 th years only		Individual payments as advised by teachers
Laptop	5 th Years only	€649	Olive For Education Code: 76063D
Year Group Trips	1 st , 2 nd , 3 rd , 5 th , 6 th	varies	Way to pay

Details of School Costs:

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Free Book Scheme for Incoming 1st and 5th Years:

Under this scheme all schoolbooks and core classroom resources for post primary students in Junior Cycle and Senior Cycle years will be provided directly to students by their school. Guidance has been issued to schools on the scheme and is available at:

[Government Book Scheme Information](#)

Funding under this scheme will not include the purchase of digital devices. The schoolbooks will be on loan to the students and must be returned at the end of the school year or at the end of Junior Cycle/Senior Cycle or if the student leaves the school. It is important that schoolbooks are kept in good condition so they can be reused. All books will be bar coded.

In late August the school will distribute all textbooks to 1st and 5th year students as required and any additional textbooks required in subsequent years will also be provided. Replacement books will not be provided.

Annual Student Fee:

The school fee of €150 per student goes towards covering the following items:

- School Insurance
- Phone Pouch (1st years only 2026)
- School Locker
- Study-Clix
- Exam Revision
- Tyro App
- Microsoft Office
- Internet usage
- Gym usage
- Visiting speakers and outside programs
- Psychometric Testing

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- Subsidised extra-curricular activity
- Subsidised bus costs
- Printing and binding
- Careers portal

This funding received from parents is essential for us in providing key services throughout the course of the year and it is not a Voluntary Contribution.

Phone Pouch/Locks:

These have been collected from all year groups. They will be re-distributed again at the start of the school year. Students who do not return to school with a phone pouch will be required to purchase a new one at a cost of €25. 1st Year students will receive their school pouch free of charge at the start of the school year.

Transition Year 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. The only cost not included is an option of travelling on an end of year overnight trip to Derry.

School Uniform Cost:

The school uniform can be purchased in Uniform World, Clonmel. Please note that Uniform World have asked that orders should be placed before mid-July. Please note shoes must be brown, black or navy and no white runners are allowed.

School PE Tracksuit Gear: (dates for collection will issue later)

All students from 1st to 5th year will have PE classes. The PE uniform includes the official school tracksuit top, jersey, and pants. Students currently in 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th who wish to purchase new or additional PE gear have already received communication on this.

Afterschool Study:

This will run each day from 4pm to 5.45 pm Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday and from 2pm to 5pm each Wednesday. The cost is €150 per term.

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

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

The school offers an activity/study afternoon every Monday for 1st year students called Junior Dun. This runs from 3.45pm to 5.45pm. It is great way for students to get to meet new friends partake in an afterschool activity and be guided with homework and study.

Note: A form will issue in August to apply for Junior Dun and the cost is €70 per term.

Laptops 5th Years:

All 5th year students will be required to purchase a laptop for school use only next year. An information evening was held in our school. The company providing the laptops are Olive for Education and the cost is €649 per device. Full payment must be made before student will receive their device. The schedule date for deployment of devices is Friday 18th September. The local credit union may provide finance for this device if required.

School Information/Communication System

Introduction of TYRO – Replacing VSware

Tipperary ETB schools is transitioning from VSware to a new school management and communication platform called TYRO. The TYRO parent app will operate in the exact same manner as Vsware parent app, access to TYRO is via your nominated email address. If you have yet to receive the TYRO invite link, please email info@colaisteduniascaigh.ie

This change is being implemented as part of a national procurement process led by the Department of Education.

What this means for parents and guardians:

TYRO will allow schools to continue to share important information with parents and guardians, including:

- School updates and notifications
- Attendance and student information
- Reports and key school communications

This will simplify the process for parents, by allowing communication and payments to be managed through one secure platform.

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All summer reports will issue in June through the Tyro App, and finally can I wish you and your family a wonderful few months before we return for our next academic year.

Yours Sincerely,

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