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“You want the best education for your child, here in Comeragh College we work together in partnership to achieve this”

PROSPECTUS



Principal's Message

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Comeragh College is a modern co-educational secondary school. Academic excellence is promoted in a caring environment by a committed and experienced staff. The school caters for over 300 pupils who live in the Carrick-on-Suir catchment area.

Our approach to education is holistic. Each student is supported to achieve their full academic potential. The personal, social and spiritual development of all students is fostered and nurtured. Our educational programmes reflect the inclusive nature of the school community.

We believe in respect, tolerance and understanding whilst appreciating the diversity of the changing world.

We would like to invite your son/daughter to become part of our school community and experience life at Comeragh College as we help to prepare our students for their future.

For further information don't hesitate to contact me.

Kevin J. Langton

Principal



Mr. Kevin Langton
Principal



Ms. Kathleen O'Donovan-Ryan
Deputy Principal

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Mission Statement

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At Comeragh College we aim to provide a quality education for life on an innovative, responsive and caring learning environment. In our school, students can attain the highest standards of excellence, academically and in all other aspects of their school activities.

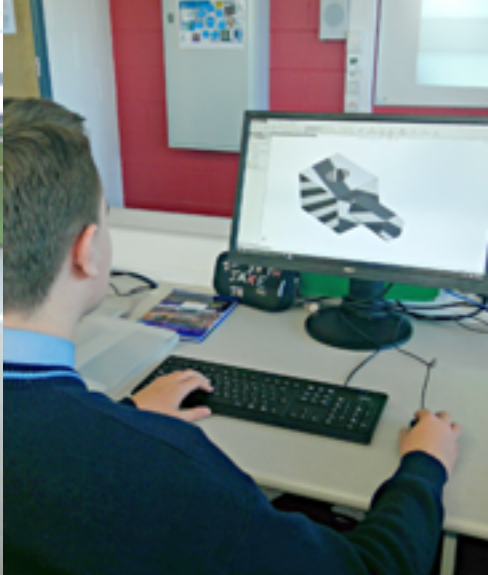
Vision

We have the highest ambitions and expectations in all aspects of school life and strive to nurture these qualities in every student. Our young people are treated as individuals and we are strongly committed to equality of opportunity. We want all students to fulfil their potential both academically and socially so that they leave here with the widest range of choices to them in a changing society.

Child Protection

Child Protection is a key function of the Board of Management. The Board has appointed Kevin Langton (Principal) as Designated Liaisons Person and Kathleen O' Donovan Ryan (Deputy Principal) as Deputy Designated Liaison Person. The schools Child Protection Policy is kept under ongoing review and may be accessed from reception.





Facilities in the school

TEACHING SPACES

- Three science labs
- Teacher based classrooms
- Material technology wood room
- Engineering technology room
- Lecture room
- Home ec room
- Art room
- Music room
- Demonstration room
- Graphic design room

SPORTS FACILITIES

- State-of-the-art fitness suite
- Changing and shower facilities
- GAA pitch (drained, nets)
- Five ball courts (tennis, basketball, etc)
- Outdoor exercise equipment

COMERAGH SUITE

- Central activities space
- Multi-sensory area
- Base class rooms (2)
- Daily living skills area
- Learning support areas (2)
- Sensory garden

ADDITIONAL FEATURES FOR STUDENTS

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| • School canteen | • First aid room |
| • General purpose area | • Water fountains (where the students can get water) |
| • Large lockers | • Computer room |
| • Spacious corridors | • Lab cabby |
| • Project storage | • Library |
| • Bag storage | • Polytunnel |
| • Meditation room | • Nature walk |





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School Details

SCHOOL DAY:

Arrival time 8.10 – 8.45am

Morning break 10.55 – 11.10am

Breakfast club 8.15 – 8.40 am

Lunch 1 – 1.45pm

School Academic Day 8.54 – 3.30pm

SUPERVISED STUDY AFTER SCHOOL

Available from 3.45 - 5.45pm

Monday to Thursday

SUPERVISED HOMEWORK CLUB

This club is available for 1st & 2nd year students from 3.45 - 4.45pm

Monday to Thursday

Homework support is offered at this time.

CONTACT DETAILS:

Office Hours: 9am-5pm

Voicemail Messenger service on the school phone for out of office hours.

Telephone: 051640131

Email: office@comeraghcollege.ie



BOOK RENTAL

Comeragh College operates a book rental scheme for all students. Workbooks or dictionaries are not provided.

All students in third and sixth year receive exam papers for all subjects under the scheme in September.

The school diary is also provided at no additional charge.

SCHOOL UNIFORM/TRACKSUIT

Available from local uniform suppliers

- Jumper - navy jumper with school crest
- Shirt – light blue
- Tie
- Trousers – navy
- Footwear – black/navy leather shoes
- Tracksuit – available from Outfield Sports

Please note for PE only white soled runners can be worn

LUNCH TIME

All students remain on the school grounds during lunch time.

Students have the option of bringing a packed lunch with them to school or they can purchase a selection of hot or cold food available from the canteen facility

SCHOOL CALENDAR

Calendar details for the academic year are forwarded to all families in August. It is important to note that this calendar may be subject to change as the school year progresses.



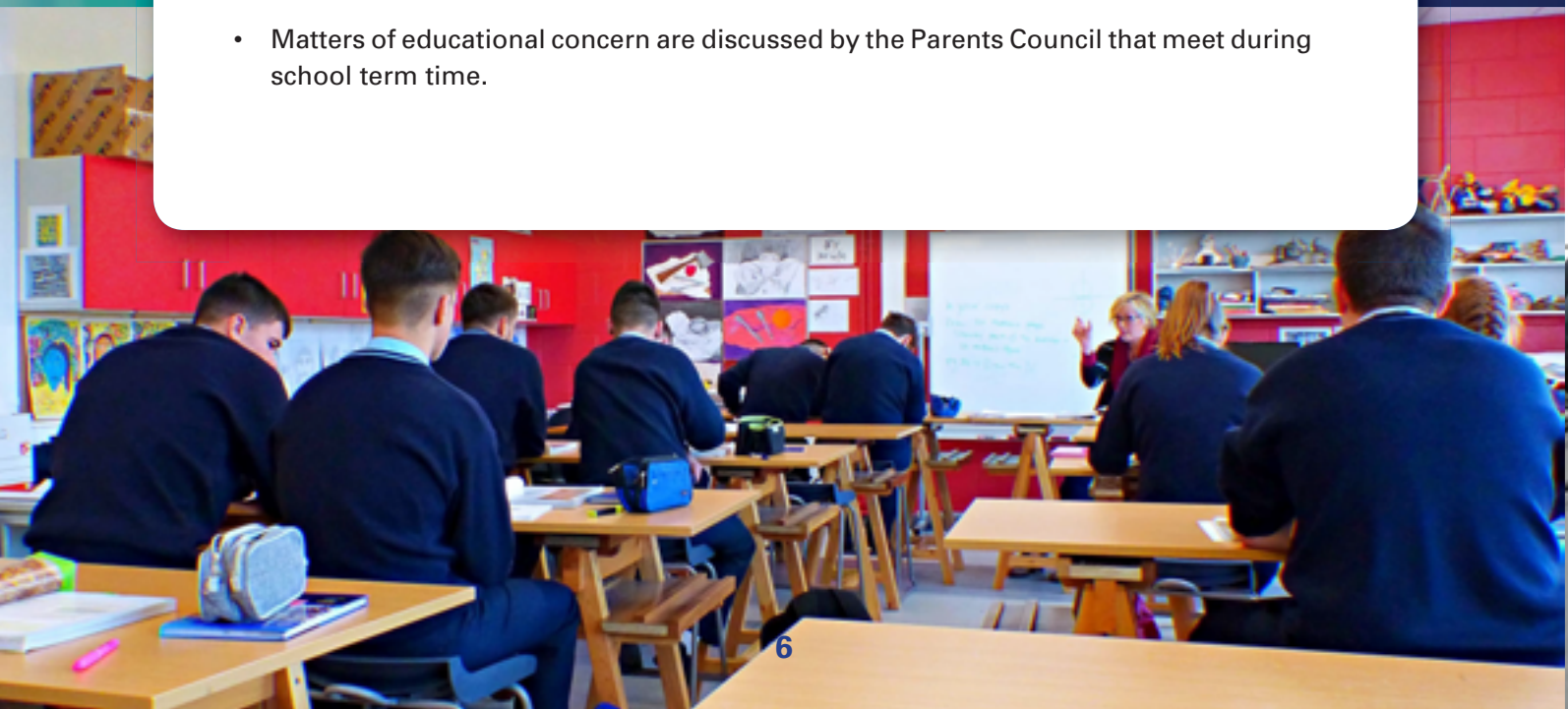


Communications between School & Home

Parents are always welcome on Comeragh College. Parents views are invited and taken on board so that our school provides the best possible teaching and learning for every student. There is an active Parents Association which is very supportive of the school and which has the full cooperation of the school authorities.

Home and school are the primary and secondary educators of students. As such, it is vital that communications between home and school are of a high standard. To ensure that this is the case, Comeragh College has the following structures in place:

- A year head is assigned to each year group in Comeragh College. As well as monitoring attendance and behaviour, the Year Head also takes a pastoral interest in each student's welfare. It is essential that parents/guardians convey any relevant information to the Year Head.
- Formal parent/guardians/teacher meetings take place on annual basis. These meetings give teachers and parents/guardians the opportunity to meet and review each student's overall progress in all the different subject areas. Notice of when these meetings will occur is given at the start of the year.
- The School Principal Mr. Kevin Langton and the Deputy Principal Mrs. Kathleen O'Donovan Ryan are available to meet parents/guardians on an appointment basis throughout the year.
- The school organises a number of information talks each year and parents/guardians are encouraged to attend these events.
- The Guidance Counsellor and Learning Support Teachers are also available to meet parents/guardians by appointment.
- A comprehensive school report is issued in respect of each student twice a year.
- We welcome the input of our students into the development of the school by means of the Students Council and the Senior Leaders.
- Matters of educational concern are discussed by the Parents Council that meet during school term time.



The School Curriculum

The school provides the following programmes of education for its students:

- The Junior Certificate
- The Junior Certificate Schools Programme
- The Transition Year Programme
- The Leaving Certificate Programme
- The leaving Certificate Vocational Programme

Junior Certificate Subjects

COMPULSORY SUBJECTS:

Irish

English

Maths

Science

French or German

CSPE

OPTIONAL SUBJECTS:

Art

Business Studies

French

Geography

German

History

Home Economics

Materials Technology (Metal)

Material Technology (Wood)

Music

Technical Graphics

NON-EXAMINATION SUBJECTS:

Religion

Career Guidance

PE, Coding, Wellbeing

Computers

SPHE

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Leaving Certificate Subjects

COMPULSORY SUBJECTS:

English

Irish

Maths

OPTIONAL SUBJECTS

(Students study four):

Accounting

Agricultural Science

Art

Biology

Business

Construction Studies

Design and Communication Graphics

Engineering

French

Geography

German

History

Home Economics

Music

Physics/Chemistry

NON-EXAMINATION SUBJECTS:

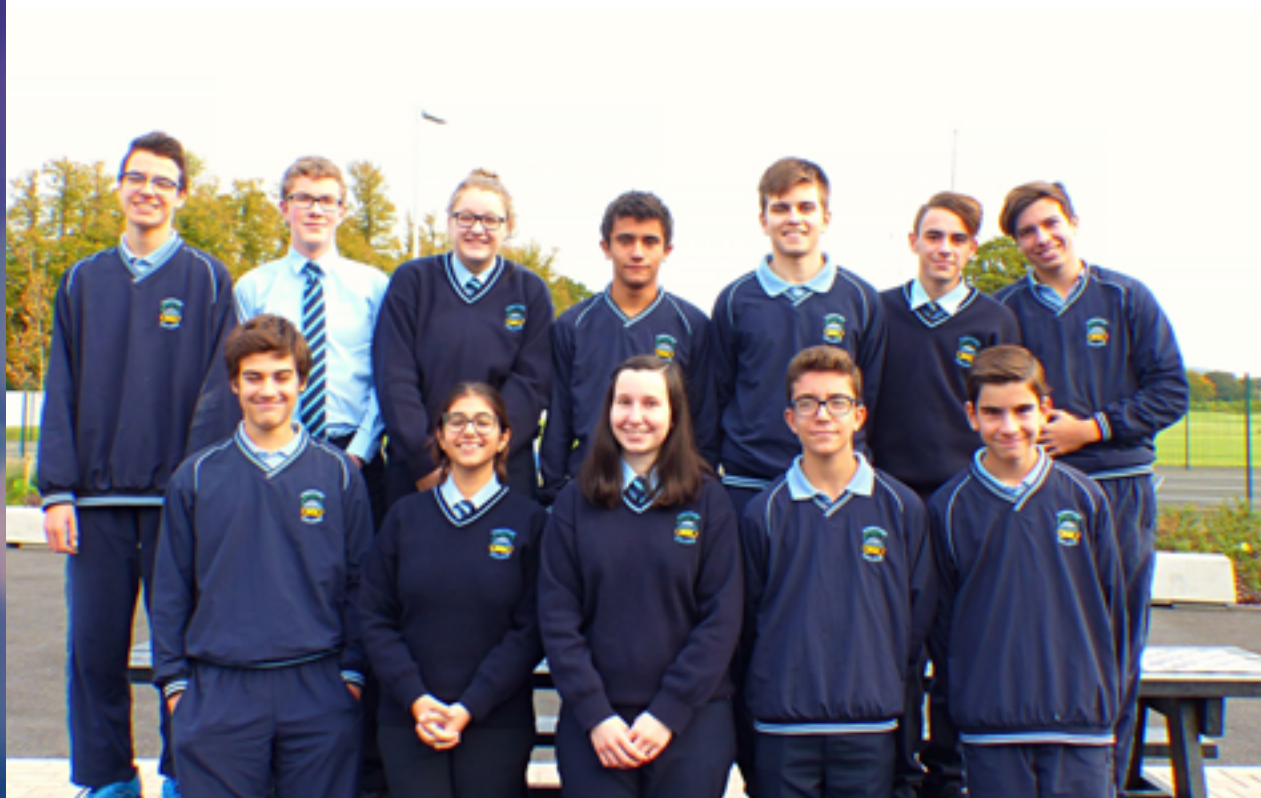
Religion

Career Guidance

SPHE

ICT

Physical Education





Transition Year

This is one-year educational programme offers the potential for the holistic development of young people as flexible learners, active citizens and future workers. It is an inter-disciplinary programme with an emphasis on personal, social awareness and increased social competence. Entry to Transition Year is on selection basics, interview may apply

TRANSITION YEAR SUBJECTS

English	Physics/Chemistry
Communications	I.C.T
Irish	Modules
Engineering	Computers
Maths	Art/Crafts/Design
Young Social Innovator	Food Studies
Languages	Business & Enterprise
Careers	Religious Education

EXTRA-CURRICULAR IN TRANSITION YEAR

Young Social Innovators	BT Young Scientist
Junk Kouture	Maths Week
Enterprise	Seachtain na Gaeilge
School Bank	Debating
Leadership	Car Safety
Careers	Law Programme
Crafts	Team Buidling
Zeminar	



General Points

ACADEMIC

In Comeragh College all classes are mixed ability. Classes in Irish, English, Maths and Science are divided in accordance with the student's ability i.e. higher, ordinary.

The greatest possible level of choice is given to students when selecting optional subject at Leaving Cert. Management are always open to new subjects being introduced e.g. Coding and Wellbeing has been brought in for the 2016/2017 academic year.

These subjects are taught to the highest of standard throughout the school which is evident from the range of inspectorate reports that have been conducted in the school by the Department of Education which are available to view online.

ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

Student achievements are celebrated annually at the Student Academic Award Ceremony (Term1) and Student Achievement Awards (Term3).

Management and Teacher encourage students to achieve their maximum potential by fostering student's skills in promoting a good work ethic.





Support Services for Students

A range of supports is available to students when problems may arise.

- Each student's Year Head is a source of immediate support. He/she will consult as necessary with the Pastoral Care coordinator who consult with as necessary with each Teacher to alleviate the source of difficulty
- The Counsellor is available to meet with a student and listen to and advise on a range of personal matters
- The Learning Support Teacher is available to assist in cases where students may have difficulty in keeping up with a particular subject or where basic literacy and numeracy need to be further developed.
- The Junior Schools Programme Coordinator is available to help support students with issues such as attendance, etc.
- The Home School Liaison Officer is available to meet with parents to help support students learning in school.
- The School Completion Officer is available on Tuesdays and Wednesdays to help students with challenges they encounter during the school day that affect their progress.
- The Principal and Deputy Principal are available to meet students at all times to assist in any possible way.
- The Big Brother/Big Sister Programme is available to help students settle into school. These mentors are specially trained Transition Year students who take a close and pastoral interest in 1st Years students.





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Special Needs / Learning Support

As part of our mission statement we work to ensure that students get the opportunity to fulfil their potential. To ensure this occurs we ask Parents/Guardians with Special Educational Needs to make contact as early as possible with the Principal.

This will allow for the Principal, where appropriate, to make an application through the ETB, to the National Council for Special Education (NCSE) and the Special Educational Needs Organiser (SENO) will make a decision on the following:

- Additional Teaching Support for children with Special Educational Needs
- Special Needs Assistant (SNA) Support
- School Transport for Children with disabilities with Special Educational Needs
- Other Resources e.g. Assistive Technology
- Support for Autistic Spectrum Disorder (ASD) students in the Comeragh Suite

ASD

In making provision for students with Autistic Spectrum Disorders (ASD) in Comeragh College, we seek to enable each student to join in the activities of the school along with other students in the spirit of Whole School Inclusion. We seek to ensure that all students gain access to a broad and balanced curriculum and have an equal opportunity to receive an education that is appropriate to their needs. The Comeragh Suite (SEN Unit) is equipped to accommodate students in small class settings. A holistic approach is taken when planning for the education of the students with ASD. Following the information gathering and consultation process, an Individual Educational Plan (IEP) is developed that caters for the student's educational, social, and sensory needs.





Student Behaviour

Students are expected to comply with the school code of behaviour in the following areas as outlined in their school journal and on the school website:

- Punctuality & Attendance
- Preparation for Class
- Uniform
- Respect for school property, facilities and materials
- Respect for management, staff and fellow students
- Non-use of mobile phones in the building
- Anti-bullying policy as detailed in their journal

STUDENT COUNCIL & SENIOR LEADERS

The Student Council is made up of elected representative from each year group and provides for communication between students, management, staff and parents.

Senior Leaders this follows on from the student council and senior cycle students get the opportunity to be a voice for the students

Leadership development is an integral part of the school. We aim to develop dynamic leaders with vision, wisdom and the will to influence and bring about positive change in the school and the wider society. Our students are encouraged to develop their leadership skills through participation in activities such as Students Council and Senior Leadership Programmes.



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School Tours

EUROPEAN TOUR

Rome, Sorrento & Barcelona are just a selection of the cities we have visited on our yearly European Trip with the school. 2nd, 5th and Transition Year students are invited to travel on this trip that usually takes place in April and is one of the highlights in the extra-curricular calendar for both students and teachers.

UK SOCCER TRIP

1st, 2nd and Transition Year students are invited to travel to see a Premiership Soccer Match in the UK.

GAELTACHT TRIP

1st year students are invited to travel to a Gaeltacht area for two nights to improve their oral Irish and embrace the culture in a fun environment. Dingle has been the chosen location for the last number of years.





Extra-Curricular Activities

- Aerobics class
- Athletics and Cross Country, Hurdles, Discus, Long Jump, High Jump, Shot Put and Team Relay
- Badminton
- Basketball
- Boxing
- Cycling
- Gaelic football boys/girls
- Hurling and camogie
- Swimming
- Karate
- Pilates
- Soccer
- Zumba
- Irish Outdoor Pursuits

HURLING SCHOLARSHIP

We offer a hurling scholarship to approximately 20 students in first year. This is kindly sponsored by Piltown Coaches, Bank of Ireland and the GAA Munster Council. Those students who are successful will then follow a programme where hurling is on their timetable once a week, they will receive a full set of gear and meet with a nutritionist to ensure they get the most out of the experience. This is part of our overall wellbeing ethos in the school.





CULTURAL & SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

- Debating
- Book clubs
- Enterprise Programme
- Daily trips and outings
- Curriculum related field trips
- School ours
- Mini company
- Poetry Competitions
- Charity Fundraising
- Gaisce
- Choir
- ICT
- Games club
- Chess
- Quizzes
- Leadership

SUMMER HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

Operating as an extra support to our students is the South Tipperary School Completion Programme. The coordinator of this programme works with the staff and students in order to increase and promote the number of students completing the secondary school cycle to the best of their ability by working with individuals and groups on attendance, social inclusion, one to one work, homework club and summer activities. Through this work each student's school experience is enhanced individually and as part of the school community.



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Gavin Fitzpatrick



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Successes

Meet some of the stars of our school:

- ★ RYAN WALSH - KICK BOXING WORLD CHAMPION World kick boxing association, 55 kg junior champion. Represented Tipperary Tony Forristel team
- ★ AIDAN KEANE - GAA Represented Tipperary at under 15 level
- ★ LEE KEANE - BOXING County champion and Munster Runner Up
- ★ SAM BENNETT - CYCLING
- ★ DEAN KIELY, CHARLIE MURPHY, JOSEPH KEOGH - WATERFORD SOCCER UNDER 16.
- ★ ASHLING DUNPHY Is involved in raising awareness of social issues through her blog. She was recently awarded a Garda Award for the work that she does volunteering with the homeless. She was also chosen to be a Youth Ambassador to represent the student voice with the Irish Second Level Students Union.
- ★ MICHAEL O'LOUGHLIN - CYCLING The reigning National Junior Road and Time-Trial champion and also an official member of "Team Wiggins" a pro Cycling team led by 7 time Olympic champion and Former tour de France winner Bradley Wiggins.
- ★ KYLE DOHERTY - SOCCER Represented Munster at under 17 level at the Irish interprovincial competition
- ★ JAKE VERMEER - ATHLETICS Finished 4th in the Irish Junior Multi Event team specific for his age group
- ★ GAVIN FITZPATRICK Runs a successful business selling honey both in school and in the locality.
- ★ JACK HICKEY Volunteers with the Irish Water Safety, St. Vincent de Paul and Darkness into Light. He was recently awarded the Shipshape Award in association with the Lions Club Young Ambassador of 21st Century.