

# Fáilte

## Welcome to

# Salesian Secondary College

## Open Night 2024



**Facts, Figures and Information for Prospective 1<sup>st</sup> Year Students and Families, for School Year 2025-2026**



# Join Our School Community Today

We Provide: Holistic and Educational Excellence



## Meet our Senior Management Team



Principal: **Keith O’Rahilly**

Deputy Principal: **Mike Lavan**

Deputy Principal: **Dave Ryan**

## Enjoy Tonight’s Tour of our College

- ▶ Learn about our curriculum and extra-curricular life
- ▶ View our facilities

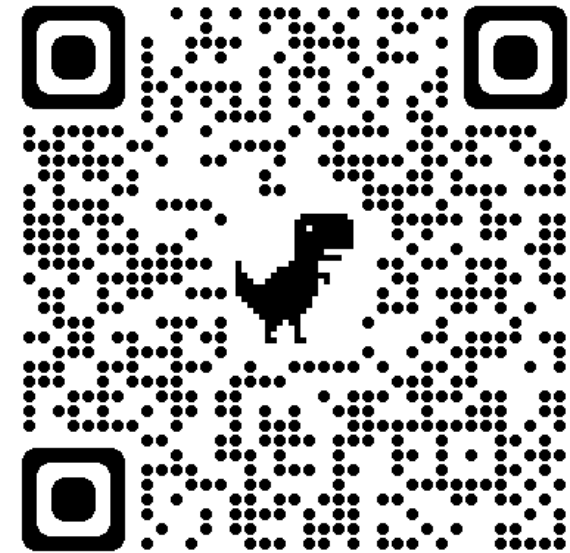
## Get to Know our School Community

- ▶ Meet Albina and Jose
- ▶ Talk with our Student Representatives
- ▶ Meet our teachers and support staff



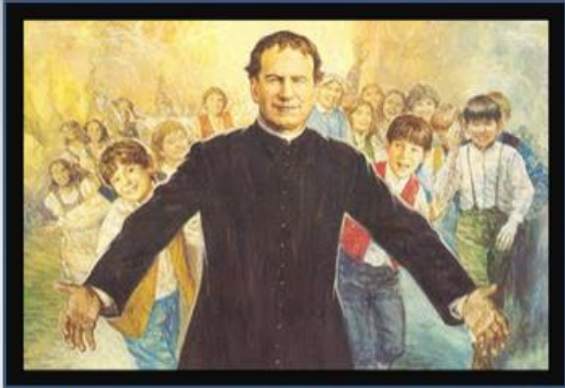
# We Invite you and your Family to Explore our School and Discover why it's the Ideal Choice for your Child's Education.

See our Virtual Tour, School Prospectus, TY and Extra Curricular Photo Gallery, “Year in the Life of the Den” Video, this “Facts, Figures and Information” Slideshow....  
and follow us on Facebook....  
to get full information.



# What is a “Salesian” School?

St. John Bosco



“Do you want to do a good deed?  
Teach the young!  
Do you want to do a holy thing?  
Teach the young!  
Truly, now and for the future, among holy  
things, this is the holiest.”

Our founder,  
St. John Bosco  
(Don Bosco)



- Founded the Salesians of Don Bosco in Italy in 1859, as a response to the poverty and abandonment he witnessed during the Industrial Revolution. He named his new congregation after St. Francis de Sales, who was known as the “Gentleman Saint.”
- The order came to Pallaskerry in 1919
- Three core values:  
Reason, Religion and Loving Kindness
- Salesian Education’s key “meta-FOUR”:  
School, Home, Church and Playground





Students are  
at the heart  
of everything  
we do!

### Our Mission Statement:

- ▶ “Salesian Secondary College is a voluntary, catholic, secondary school under the trusteeship of the Salesians of Don Bosco. Our school dedicates itself to educational excellence, taking into account the uniqueness and complexity of each individual pupil. We strive to create an atmosphere where pupils are happy and thrive in an environment imbued with St. John Bosco’s three educational principles of Reason, Religion and Loving Kindness.”



# Introducing Jose and Albina

5<sup>th</sup> Year students



# Let's Look at the Numbers!

- ▶ Located on **500** acres of beautiful farmland
- ▶ **720** students in **6** Year Groups
- ▶ **130** places offered for 1<sup>st</sup> Year 2025-26, from **23** primary schools
- ▶ **80** teachers in over **20** subject departments
- ▶ **9** Special Needs Assistants (SNAs)
- ▶ **12** staff committees dedicated to school and student development: Wellbeing / Pastoral Care / Teaching and Learning / Environment and Sustainability / Attendance / Student Support Team / Extra-Curricular Team / After School Study
- ▶ Administration Staff, Caretakers, Qualified Substitutes, Coaches
- ▶ 8 or 9 class periods a day; Buses arrive for 9am and leave at 3.20 (or 4pm)
- ▶ 5 programmes (JC, TY, LC, LCA, LCVP)
- ▶ 3 “Den” specialist classes (3 places for 2025)
- ▶ Basketball court, tennis courts, sports hall, pitches, quad, handball alleys



# Learning in Salesian Secondary College



**Salesian Secondary College:  
Recognised as a leader in the development of  
Teaching and Learning strategy in the Midwest.**





# Junior Cycle: Focuses on skills for life

- ▶ Resilience
- ▶ Using Language and Numbers
- ▶ Developing Relationships
- ▶ Dealing with Conflict
- ▶ Knowing Myself
- ▶ Being Social
- ▶ Being Responsible
- ▶ Being Safe
- ▶ Organising Myself



- ▶ Being Reflective
- ▶ Problem Solving
- ▶ Decision Making
- ▶ Goal Setting
- ▶ Being Confident
- ▶ Learning from Mistakes
- ▶ Presenting and Speaking
- ▶ The Digital Age



# What does the Junior Cycle look like?

## Compulsory

- Irish (*unless officially exempt: Bring Cert from Primary School*)
- English
- Maths
- Science
- History
- Geography
- PE (short course)
- SPHE (short course)
- CSPE (short course)

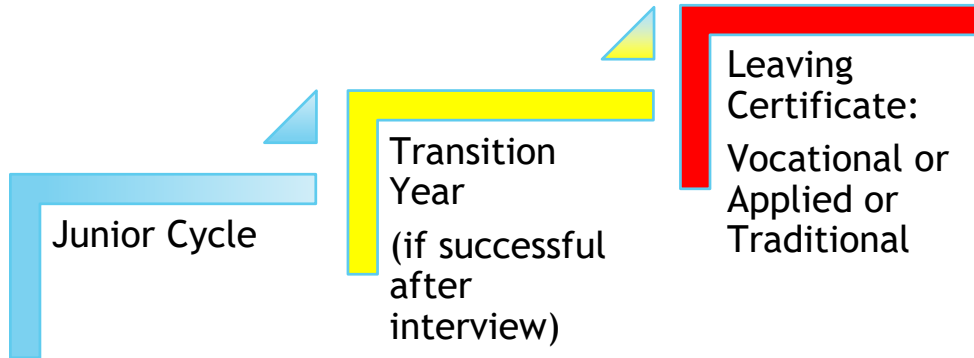
## Current Options (Choose 3)

- Business
- Digital Media & Manufacturing
- French
- German
- Graphics
- Home Economics
- Spanish
- Music
- Visual Art
- Woodwork

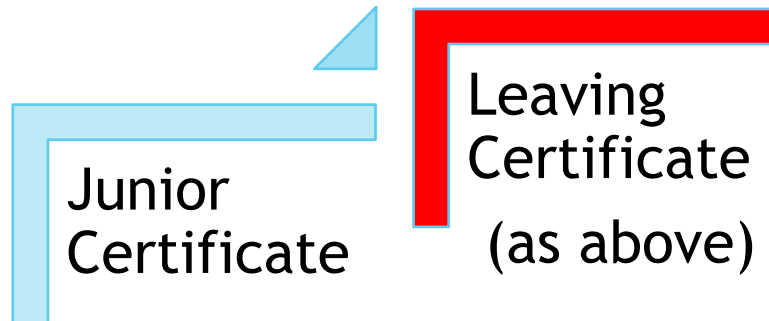
## Non Exam

- Computers
- RE (includes Faith Formation)
- RSE

# Senior Cycle: Two Options in Salesian Secondary College



For students who do not wish to do TY:



## SENIOR CYCLE

### All students take:

- Irish (unless Dept. of Ed. exempt)
- English
- Mathematics

### And these Non- Exam Subjects:

- Religious Education
- Social, Personal and Health Education
- Guidance
- Physical Education

### And choose 4 from:

- Accounting
- Agricultural Science
- Applied Mathematics
- Art, Craft & Design
- Biology
- Business
- Chemistry
- Computer Science
- Construction Studies
- Design & Communications Graphics
- French
- Geography
- German
- History
- Home Economics
- Music
- Physics
- Politics and Society
- Spanish
- World of Work (LCVP Module)



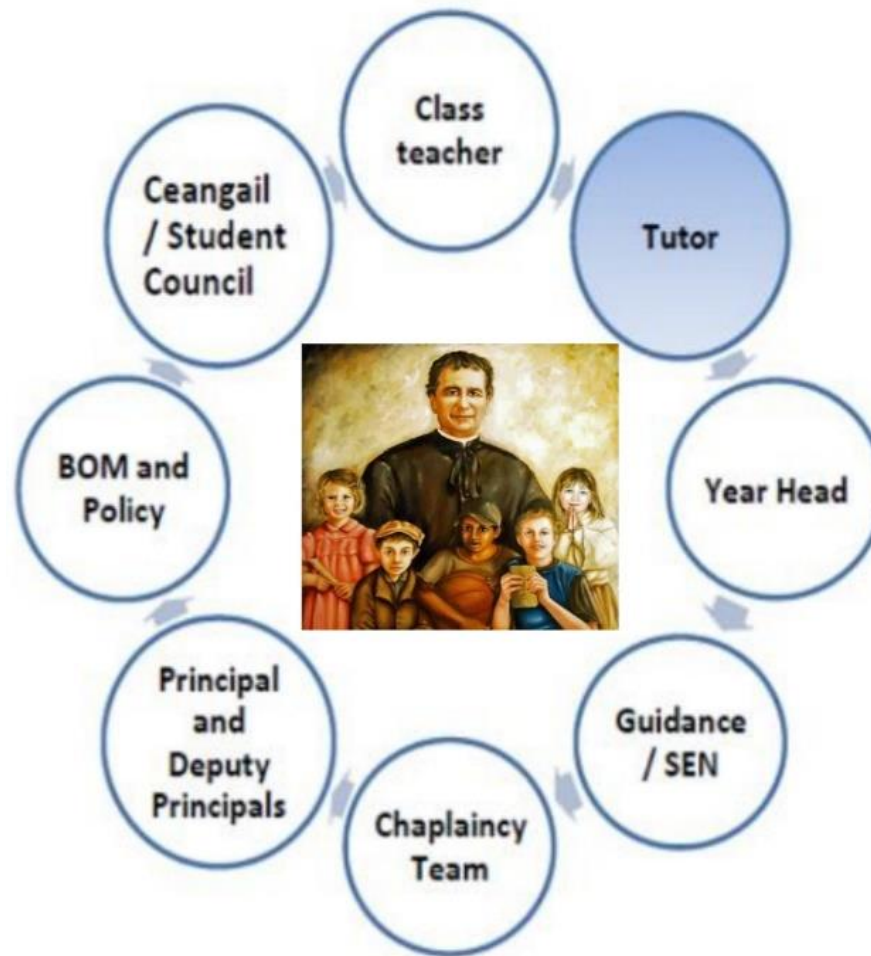
# Growing in Salesian Secondary College





# Pastoral Care of Your Child

Pastoral Care is the Bedrock of all we do in Salesian Secondary College....



# Code of Behaviour for Students

- ▶ High Standards of Behaviour Expected and Encouraged
- ▶ Classroom Management is Based on Positive Relationships
- ▶ Anti Bullying Policy and Student Charter
- ▶ Safe Usage Policy
- ▶ Child Protection Policy

The poster is titled "Salesian Secondary College Anti-Bullying Charter". It states: "This Charter protects all members of our Salesian school community, and hopes to raise awareness and knowledge among students about how to respond to bullying behaviour." It then says: "We, the students of Salesian Secondary College, do not tolerate:" followed by four categories of bullying:

- Cyber Bullying:** Harassment, Impersonation, Cyber stalking, Libel, sharing or commenting on abusive posts.
- Physical Aggression:** Damage to property, Intimidation, Invasion of personal space, Threats or making threats, Inappropriate comments or taunting.
- Relational Bullying:** Multiple groups, Spreading rumours, Being passive aggressive.
- Identity Based Bullying:** Discrimination, Stabbing.

Below these are several speech bubbles with advice:

- "Check out the Anti-Bullying Policy in your Journal and on our Website."
- "Ask a friend to help you approach a member of staff!"
- "If your friend confides in you, don't carry the burden on your own. Ask for help!"
- "Don't ignore the situation by keeping it to yourself. You will feel less alone by talking to someone who can help you find your own voice."
- "Who are the people you can talk to? Family / Guardians, Pastoral Care Team, Mentor, Teacher, Tutor, Principal and Deputy Principals or an adult you trust!"
- "Don't stand by, stand up!"

At the bottom, there are illustrations of a person looking confused and a group of people standing together.

# Playing in Salesian Secondary College



# Extra-curricular Life in SSC

- ▶ Choir and Ensembles
- ▶ Musical Theatre
- ▶ Junk Kouture
- ▶ Hurling
- ▶ Camogie
- ▶ Gaelic Football
- ▶ Basketball
- ▶ Rugby
- ▶ Athletics
- ▶ Equestrian
- ▶ Soccer
- ▶ Cross Country
- ▶ Orienteering
- ▶ Games Room
- ▶ Green Schools
- ▶ Debating
- ▶ St. Vincent de Paul
- ▶ Gym / Fitness
- ▶ Ceangail
- ▶ Peer tutoring
- ▶ Gaisce
- ▶ Rowing
- ▶ Student Council
- ▶ Young Scientist
- ▶ Trips to Spain, France





# What's Next?





# Next Step....Central Applications

- ✓ Using the standard application form, place “1” beside Salesian Secondary College.
- ✓ Each applicant must identify 11 choices, **no. 1 to 11**, in order of preference. Incorrectly completed or incomplete forms will be returned to parents. One form per student.
- ✓ **NB.** Full details re legal guardianship of the child must be indicated on the form.
- ✓ Return completed form to us in Salesian Secondary College.
- ✓ Confirmation of receipt of the application form will be sent within a week of receipt of application.
- ✓ We send a copy of your application form to the Limerick Education Centre (LEC) for processing.



School Name: **SALESIAN SECONDARY COLLEGE** Limerick Area  
 Pallaskenry, Co. Limerick Post-Primary Schools  
 Common Application Form 2019/20

# The CAS Application Form

**Applicant Details**

Surname: O'BRIEN First Name: MARY  
 Date of Birth: 01-01-2007 Gender: FEMALE  
 P.P.S. Number: 1234567A Religion: R.C.  
 Nationality: IRISH Parish in which you live: PALLASKENRY

Address (if correspondence will issue to the address):  
MAIN STREET  
PALLASKENRY  
CO LIMERICK V94WP86

Primary School: PALLASKENRY N.S.

**Father / Guardian Details**

Surname: O'BRIEN First Name: TOM  
 Address: Main St, Pallaskenry Co. Limerick  
 Telephone: 087 2345678  
 Email: tomobrien@gmail.com

**Mother / Guardian Details**

Surname: O'BRIEN First Name: ANN  
 Address: Main Street, Pallaskenry, Co. L.  
 Telephone: 087 2345678  
 Email: annobrien@gmail.com

**Section II**

Please state the name of any brothers or sisters currently attending any of the post-primary schools listed overleaf.

Name: N/A School: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name: \_\_\_\_\_ School: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name: \_\_\_\_\_ School: \_\_\_\_\_

Please state the name of brothers or sisters who previously attended any of the schools listed overleaf.

Name: N/A School: \_\_\_\_\_ Years of Attendance: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name: \_\_\_\_\_ School: \_\_\_\_\_ Years of Attendance: \_\_\_\_\_

Please provide details if parents/guardians previously attended any school listed overleaf.

Name	School	Years of Attendance
<u>TOM O'BRIEN</u>	<u>SALESIAN COLLEGE</u>	<u>1988-1994</u>
<u>ANN O'BRIEN</u>	<u>SALESIAN COLLEGE</u>	<u>1970-1976</u>

**Any Other Information**

Please provide any other information, which you feel, may be relevant to this application.

By submitting this application I/we hereby agree that the applicant student will take part fully in every aspect of the school curriculum and will follow the Code of Behaviour of the School. I/We have read and accept the Admission and Enrolment Policies of the relevant schools.

**Father's / Guardian's Signature**

First Name: Tom O'Brien Date: 01-10-2018

**Mother's / Guardian's Signature**

First Name: Ann O'Brien Date: 01-10-2018

**List of Limerick Area Post-Primary Schools**

It is **VERY IMPORTANT** for parents to indicate on this form at least 2 schools to which they are applying to provide, descending order of choice. Only those schools identified in order of choice will be approached to consider your application. A statement of your genuine order of choice will not mitigate against your child. If your child is unsuccessful in obtaining the first choice, this will have no effect on his/her chances of obtaining a place in one of the lower choices. By submitting this form a parent acknowledges that failure to identify a sufficient number of choices may result in your child not being offered any school place should the schools applied to be over-subscribed or should your child not meet the criteria in the admissions policies of those schools identified. For these reasons your child's interests will be best served where a minimum of nine schools are listed in order of your choice and parents are strongly advised to co-operate in this regard. **Form will be processed if 9 choices are not filled in.** Schools will share the information for your preferences with other schools if relevant. Please note that the responsibility for making an application rests with the parent/guardian.

Please return the completed Application Form to the Principal at the Number 1 School of your choice by **12.00 p.m. on Monday, 14th January 2019**. Please enclose an A4 sized stamped self-addressed envelope.

Please fill in your 1 to 9 choices

Ardscoil Mhuire (girls), Carbery, Limerick	9
Ardscoil Bix (boys), North Circular Road, Limerick	
Carberry College (co-ed), Newlawn, Carberry, Co. Limerick	
Coláiste Chiarain (co-ed), Cronin, Co. Limerick	8
Coláiste Nihilid (boys), Seaton Street, Limerick	
Coláiste Naoi-Naigle (girls), Seaton Street, Limerick	7
Crescent College Comprehensive S.J. (co-ed), Doonadryke, Limerick	6
Garbhóláin Linnagh (co-ed, all-boys), St. Harry's Mill, Limerick	5
Lauriel Hill Coláiste F.C.A. (girls, all-boys), South Circular Road, Limerick	4
Lauriel Hill Secondary School F.C.A. (girls), South Circular Road, Limerick	3
Limerick Educate Together Secondary School (co-ed), Castleree, Co. Limerick Current location: Farnham, North Circular Road, Limerick	
Mangrove Community College (co-ed), Mangrove, Co. Limerick	2
St. Clement's College (boys), South Circular Road, Limerick	
St. Mauch's College (boys), Carbery, Limerick	
Salsdon Secondary College (co-ed), Pallaskenry, Co. Limerick	1
Thomson Community College (co-ed), Moylish Park, Limerick	
Villiers Secondary School (co-ed), Fox Chagging, North Circular Road, Limerick	

**Important notice regarding your data**

Please note that the school of your first choice receives this form and has access to the data you have completed in respect of your child and his/her school choices. A copy of the form and the data provided therein are also retained by Limerick Education Centre, for the purposes of administering this common application system. LEC records these data on a database and this information is retained for a period of three years. Please consult each school's GDPR policy for further information regarding their data protection and retention policies.

If your child/ward does not receive the school of his/her first choice, the form and the data will be forwarded to the school(s) listed in order of preference. Please note that your data and your child's/ward's data will be shared as required with up to nine schools, in line with their preferences.

Consent:

I consent to the school of my first choice and Limerick Education Centre sharing my data and the data in respect of my child/ward Pacy O'Brien (name of child) with the other schools listed in the numbered preferences on this completed form.

I do not consent to the school of my first choice and Limerick Education Centre sharing my data and the data in respect of my child/ward \_\_\_\_\_ (name of child) with any other school listed on this form.

Signature of parent/guardian: Tom O'Brien

**Please note:** If you do not provide your consent for the sharing of data between schools, your form will be submitted to the school of your first choice only and Limerick Education Centre. This may result in your child/ward not securing a place in a post-primary school in the Common Application Scheme area.



# What's next to do?

Please see school website and CAS website

- ▶ View Virtual Tour, Prospectus and Social Media presence
- ▶ Apply through CAS: by Monday 13th Jan 2025, 12.30pm
- ▶ Offers posted: Tuesday 28th January 2025
- ▶ Deadline for acceptance or refusal: Wednesday 5th February 2025, 12pm
- ▶ Common Registration Night for all participating secondary schools: Tuesday 25th February 2025

## Spring

- ▶ Assessment Day      Subject Choice

## Summer / New School Year

- ▶ Visits for vulnerable students
- ▶ Uniform Book list online
- ▶ Principal's letter / Calendar
- ▶ Assistance with book costs
- ▶ Induction in September
- ▶ Timetable in September







**Thank you for considering our school.**



**Please also view our Prospectus, Virtual Tour, Photo Review of TY and Extra Curricular Activities, our Year in the Life of the Den Profile and our social media pages.**

**All are accessible through our website.**

