
ERRIGAL COLLEGE



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Mission Statement

To enable each student to achieve his/her educational potential, in partnership with parents, based on the principles of caring, dignity, mutual respect and quality.

School Profile and History

Errigal College is a long established multi denominational Vocational School under the auspices of Co Donegal VEC. The school is grant aided and publicly funded. The location of the College was previously situated at Ard O Donnell in Letterkenny. The College transferred to a new building at Windyhall in 1987 where further developments have taken place at the site, including the addition of a quality playing field, developed in conjunction with the Windy Hall Community Group, and the building of a new state of the art canteen in 2003.

A Board of Management (BOM) which is representative of all the school partners governs the school. The board meets on a regular basis and is comprised of four representatives of the Trustees, (VEC) two parent representatives and two teacher representatives. The day-to-day management of the school is carried out by the school Principal and the school Deputy Principal. A Year Head takes responsibility for each Year Group and liaises with staff, students and parents. Errigal College offers all DES approved courses including FETAC level 5 PLC courses. The College is unique in Letterkenny as it is the sole provider of co education through the medium of English. The College can cater for up to 500 students and our students reflect the diverse nature of modern Ireland with many countries represented among our student cohort.

We aim to offer the highest quality educational experience for our students and do so in the knowledge that each student has different needs and learning styles.

Board of Management

Nominees of the Patron

Mary Conlon

Cllr Jimmy Kavanagh

Cllr Jim Lynch

Mairead Nic Suibhne

Elected Teacher Representatives

Niamh Cullen

Danny Mc Fadden

Elected Parent Representatives

Ciaran O Donnell

Breda Mc Closkey

Secretary to the Board

Anne Mc Hugh

Recording Secretary

Catriona Kelly

Operating Context

The school operates under the following pieces of legislation:

- The Education Act 1998
- The Education Welfare Act 2000
- The Equal Status Act 2000
- The Vocational & Educational Acts 1930-2001 inclusive
- EPSEN Act 2004

The school has the following groups in operation:

- A Parents' Association
- Student Council.

The school further operates subject to:

- the context and parameters of the Department of Education & Skills Regulations and Programmes; the State Examinations Commission; FETAC.
- the rights of the Patron, i.e. The Vocational Education Committee, as set out in the Education Act
- the Mission Statement as set out above.
- the funding and resources available

The school supports the principles of

- Inclusiveness in enrolment policies
- Equality of access and participation in the school
- Parental choice in relation to enrolment
- Respect for diversity of traditions, values, beliefs, languages and ways of life in society.
- The enrolment of students who have a disability or other Special Educational Needs

The financial, physical and teaching resources of the school are provided by:

- grants received from the Department of Education & Skills via County Donegal VEC
- the teacher allocations from the Department of Education & Skills
- additional facilities for the school and community use
- the implementation of the school plan and school policy, with due regard to the resources and the funding available

Number of Teachers : as per Dept of Education allocation.

Programmes available:

- Junior Certificate Programme
- Junior Certificate Schools Programme (JSCP)
- Transition Year
- Leaving Certificate Established
- Leaving Certificate Vocational Programme (LCVP)
- Leaving Certificate Applied Programme
- PLC Programmes as detailed in the Prospectus: Art, Craft & Design; Sport & Recreation, Childcare, Pre Nursing, Business Studies/Secretarial

Junior Cycle

In Year 1 Students are placed in mixed ability groupings with differentiated teaching.

Compulsory subjects are: Irish, English, Maths, CSPE and Science. Students 'taste' all other subjects for a number of weeks and then choose their Junior Certificate subjects. Subjects offered: Business Studies, History, Geography, French, Art, Music, HE, Materials Technology Wood, Materials Technology Metalwork and TG. Students usually choose 5 from this list.

Students following JCSP may choose less subjects.

In Years 2 & 3 some setting may occur for Irish, English and Maths.

Students also take: RE, SPHE, Computers, Guidance and PE.

Senior Cycle

All subjects are offered at both Higher and Ordinary level: Irish, English, Maths, History, Geography, Art, Music, Business, Accounting, Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Agricultural Science, DCG, Construction Studies, Engineering, French and HE. Students also study RE, Computers, PE, SPHE and Guidance.

Please see relevant websites and programme planning documentation for more information on JCSP/LCVP/LCA/TY.

Please see www.errigalcollege.ie for further information on FETAC courses or www.fetac.ie

Special Needs are catered for by Learning Support and Resource teachers allocated by the Department of Education & Skills and the National Council for Special Education.

In-School Management

Principal Anne Mc Hugh

Deputy Principal Charles Cannon

Chaplain Canon Stewart Wright (visiting)

Fr. Willie Bradley (visiting)

1st Year Head Vicki Raine

2nd Year Head Michael Mc Menamin

3rd Year Head Caitriona Sweeney

5th Year Head Margaret Russell Kelly

6th Year Head Cathy Rafferty

TY&LCA Co-ordinator Ciaran Rodgers

LCVP CO-ordinator Cathy Rafferty

JCSP Co-ordinator Joe Boyle

Guidance Counsellor Donna Mc Gowan Brennan

Home School Liaison Eileen Maguire

SCP Co-ordinator Paddy Hannigan

Assistant Principals Duties

Vicki Raine: Year Head; SEN; SNA Co-ordinator; Peer Mentoring
Michael Mc Menamin: Year Head; assist with H&S; House Exams; SPHE; Transport Liaison; New Teacher Induction
Caitriona Sweeney: Year Head; School Planning; Parent Association Link
Margaret Russell Kelly: Year Head; Staff Welfare; Budgets; CSPE Co-ordinator
Cathy Rafferty: Year Head; Pastoral Care; LCVP
Michelle O Reilly: FETAC/PLC Co-ordinator; Website; New Teacher Induction
Eileen Maguire: Interculturalism; Policy Development; Extra Curricular Activities

Special Duties Teachers

Kieran Rodgers: Co ordinator of Programmes
Hugo Dorrian: FT; SEN; Lockers; PR
Joe Boyle: FT; JCSP
Karen Gorman: FT; SEN; RACE
Margaret Mc Ateer: FT; Academic Monitoring;
Co ordinator Of Liturgical Services;
Sean Molloy: FT; Green School; Stock Taking
Danny Mc Fadden: FT; Traveller Students; Attendance
Garry Gorman: FT; ICT;
Bernard Doherty: FT; Student Council; Plant Management
& Building Maintenance
Marie Crossan: FT; Book Rental Scheme
Elaine Mc Gettigan: FT; FETAC Exam Secretary
John Mc Clean: FT; SEC Secretary

Co & Extra Curricular Activities

All students of Errigal College are encouraged to participate in co-curricular and extra-curricular activities. The following list offers a flavour of the diversity of activities available to our students:

Arts Week
Athletics
Badminton

Book Rental
Breakfast Club
Build A Bank
Canoeing
Creative Engagement
Drama
Educational School Tours
Girls Active
Gaelic Football
Green Schools
Gaisce-Presidents Award
Healthy School Programme
Junior Achievement
KEY Programme
LET Programme
Lunchtime Club: Puzzles and Papers
Mini Company (TY)
Musicals
Outdoor Education
Peer Mentoring
Schools Business Partnership
Student Council
Soccer
Subject Assistance Classes
Volleyball

Green Flag

Errigal College is very proud of The Green Flag, which we were awarded in May 2009. An Tanaiste Mary Coughlan TD raised the flag on Prize Giving Day and we are delighted to have achieved this prestigious honour.

In order to retain The Green Flag, every student, teacher and staff member is encouraged to comply with and promote activities and practices which will help us to retain our flag and reduce our energy consumption.

Full particulars of the school calendar for each year, inclusive of Opening Hours, Parent/Teacher Meetings, Staff Development Programmes, etc. will be decided

early in the School Year. The calendar is published in the teacher diary and student diary.

The school is committed to developing and continuing with a School Book Rental/Loan Scheme.