



# SANCTA MARIA COLLEGE

Ballyroan, Rathfarnham, Dublin 16 D16 V389

## TRANSITION YEAR ADMISSION POLICY

Our TY Admission Policy is drawn from the CEIST Charter

COLLEGE VALUES	POLICY LINK TO VALUES
Promoting Spiritual and Human Development	The pathway provided by the policy for student access to the Transition Year Programme supports and promotes the spiritual and human development of students.
Showing Respect for Every Person	By providing further opportunities through an elective programme for students to achieve and reach their potential, the policy promotes an environment whereby each person is respected, and the dignity of each person is valued.
Creating Community	The policy enables students take an educational programme which specifically supports close collaboration between students and between students and their teachers and thus creates community within the college.
Achieve Quality in Teaching and Learning	By providing access to an elective programme designed to harness student growth and the development of a wide range of educational experiences both in the college and local community, the policy facilitates the achievement of quality in teaching and learning.
Being Just and Responsible	The additional curricular and extra - curricular experiences available through the TY programme provide students with opportunities for the development and practice of a lifestyle based on justice and responsibility.

### MISSION STATEMENT

Sancta Maria College is an all-girls Catholic Voluntary Secondary School under the trusteeship of CEIST and in the tradition of the Sisters of Mercy. We are a compassionate community which strives to:

- Foster the personal growth and holistic development of all students and staff
- Embrace Gospel Values, promoting a culture of inclusivity and respect
- Nurture the full potential of each student through high standards of learning and teaching
- Promote a positive partnership between all members of the school and the wider community.

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## ADMISSION TO THE TRANSITION YEAR PROGRAMME

1. All students who complete the Junior Cycle are eligible to apply for a place on the Transition Year Programme (TY).
2. Application for the TY programme is made online.
3. Applications received after the closing date for applications may not be considered
4. The number of new places available annually shall be 24 places, constituting one class group, or multiples of this number, if applications received exceed the limit of 24. The Board of Management reserves the right to lower the number of students per class group.
5. Attendance at the annual Information Evening is mandatory for students and their parent/guardian if they wish to apply for a place on the TY programme. The information given on this evening will assist students and their parent/guardian in making informed decisions in relation to the senior cycle programmes offered by the college.
6. In the event of more applications than places being available, a lottery will be held to allocate the available places.
7. Any students not allocated a place, will be put on a waiting list, and a lottery will determine the order of the list.
8. Each student offered a place on the TY programme will be required to sign a 'Statement of My Commitment to Transition Year (TY)' and this statement will be regarded as the equivalent of a contract by the student with the college governing the student's participation in TY.

*J. F. Gannon*

Chairperson of the Board of Management

*Sorcha McManus*

Principal

*19/01/2026*

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