



SANCTA MARIA COLLEGE

Templeroan Lawn, Ballyroan, Rathfarnham, D16 V389

LCA ADMISSION POLICY

Our LCA Admissions Policy is drawn from the CEIST Charter

Promoting Spiritual and Human Development	The pathway provided by the policy for student access to the Leaving Certificate Applied programme supports and promotes the spiritual and human development of students.
Showing Respect for Every Person	By providing further opportunities through an alternative 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 a programme designed to better respond to aptitudes and talents not so well catered for in other programmes, the policy facilitates the achievement of quality in teaching and learning.
Being Just and Responsible	By making available a student-focussed programme that provides assessment on a continuous basis, the policy is a just and responsible initiative that best meets the needs of a cohort of students, who otherwise would have less satisfying educational opportunities.

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 staff and students.
- 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 wider community.

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Admission to the Programme

1. All students who complete the Junior Cycle or Transition Year are eligible to apply for a place in the Leaving Certificate Applied Programme (LCA).
2. The application is made online through Teams.
3. Applications received after the closing date for applications may not be considered.
4. The number of new places available annually shall be 20 places, whether the programme is being offered as a stand-alone programme for Leaving Certificate Applied Year One (5th Yr LCA1) or a combined programme for LCA1 and Leaving Certificate Applied Year Two (LCA2).
5. Students applying for a place on the programme are expected to attend the Information Evening offered by the college with a parent/guardian to assist students and parents make choices in relation to senior cycle programme choices.
6. In the event of more applications than places available, a lottery will be held to allocate the available places.
7. 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 programme will be required, under a teacher's guidance, to draw up a 'Statement of My Commitment to LCA' and this statement will be regarded as the equivalent of a contract by the student with the college.

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