



Modern, State-of-the-Art Educational Setting

- Fully-Equipped General Purpose Classrooms
- 5 Science Labs
- 3 Computer Suites
- 2 Home Economics Rooms
- Textiles Room
- 2 Art Rooms
- 3 Music Rooms
- 2 Woodwork Rooms
- Metalwork Room
- DCG Room
- Hair and Beauty Room
- Demonstration Room
- Library
- Medical Room
- Meeting Room
- Resource Centre - Special Education Classes: ASD Classrooms, Moderate General Learning Disability Classroom, Fully-Equipped Sensory Room, Life Skills Kitchen and Outdoor Soft Play Area
- Sports Hall
- Fully-Equipped Gym
- All-Weather Outdoor Sports Surfaces
- Basketball Courts
- Handball Alley
- Large General Purpose Area and Canteen
- Facilities Managemnet

Extra and Co-Curricular Activities Available to Our Students

- Green Schools
- Gaisce
- Junk Kouture
- Global Citizenship
- Gaelbhratach
- Field Trips & Foreign Tours
- Choir
- Musical
- FUSE Programme
- Erasmus+
- Meitheal Student Leaders
- LGBTQI+ Club
- Creative Writing Club
- St Vincent de Paul
- Student Enterprise Awards
- Eco Unesco
- Young Social Innovators
- Student Council
- Podcast Club
- Meditation Club
- Philosophy Club
- Art Club
- Chess Club
- Computer Club
- Instrumental Lessons
- STEAM Club

Sport at Tyndall College

- Athletics • Badminton • Basketball • Cross Country • Gaelic Football
- Handball • Hurling • Rowing • Rugby • Soccer • Volleyball



Message from Our Principal

Thank you for taking the time to read this information booklet about Tyndall College. Although it is difficult to capture the entire picture of what happens in our school, for me one of the key elements of what we are about is preparing your child for their pathway in life.



From university to apprenticeships or directly into the world of work, we will work with parents and guardians to seek the best outcome for your child.

The spirit of Tyndall College is encapsulated in a large banner visible in our front entrance which states "Everyone is Welcome Here".

Gerry McGill, Principal

What Parents/Guardians Have to Say about Tyndall College

"Excellent communication with parents"

"Continuously supporting my son, making him feel welcome and happy to go to school every day"

"Welcoming. Encouraging. Believing in them"

"Listen to their needs... Focus on the person, not just the learning"

"Progressive school with wonderful staff... Inclusive"

"They motivate the students to get the best out of them"

What Inspectors Have to Say about Tyndall College

"Highly effective learning experiences for students"

"Tyndall College is a place where all are welcome and respected"

"Teachers provided a range of student-focused and enjoyable learning activities that engaged students"

"The school values good relationships with parents, both individually and collectively"

Tyndall College provides excellent second level education in a student-centred, co-educational environment. It is our intention to lead students on their journey to reach their individual potential and to encourage them to make a positive contribution to society.



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Why Choose Us?

- Our Ethos: Tyndall College is a state, co-educational, multi-denominational school, underpinned by five core values: Excellence in Education, Care, Equality, Community and Respect.
- We are an inclusive, multi-denominational, multi-belief school, understanding and respecting the diverse beliefs and cultures of our whole school community equally.
- We promote the holistic development of all students.
- We believe that every student matters and offer a genuinely supportive environment where all young people, irrespective of ability, can learn and thrive, and where wellbeing and student welfare is of key importance.
- We value student participation.
- We offer one of the widest curriculum choices in the region.
- We provide a broad range of extra and co-curricular activities to suit the needs and interests of all students. All students are encouraged to participate.
- We deliver an excellent learning support and guidance programme.
- We offer state-of-the-art facilities.
- Our staff are a vibrant, enthusiastic, and dedicated team who are committed to helping students achieve their potential.
- We are fortunate to have an active and engaged Parents' Association.



First Year in Tyndall College

- Parents' Information Evening for Incoming First Years.
- Thorough supportive induction programme that starts from Sixth Class and runs throughout First Year.
- First Year students engage in a taster programme. This gives them the opportunity to sample a wide variety of subjects before selecting a reduced amount for their Junior Cycle. Subjects included in the taster programme are: Art, Business Studies, French, Home Economics, Italian, Metalwork, Music, Spanish, Technical Graphics, Woodwork.
- Subject Options Evening for parents and guardians of First Years prior to subject choice.
- First Year students are supported by senior Meitheal Leaders as they adapt to life in Tyndall College.
- Lunchtime clubs are available, including access to the School Library.
- Instrumental music lessons.
- Subsidised food at break and lunch times.
- Low cost Assisted Study Programme after school.
- Book rental scheme.
- School start time is 8.45am and classes last for 58 minutes each. School finishes at 3.37pm Monday – Thursday and 12.52pm on Friday. Junior students remain on-site all day.
- Uniform:
 - Tyndall College green jumper with Tyndall College crest (First – Third Year Students) Tyndall College blue jumper with Tyndall College crest (TY – Sixth Year Students).
 - White shirt.
 - Navy trousers or Tyndall College patterned skirt.
 - Black shoes (no runners or trainers).
 - For PE: Tyndall College crested PE t-shirt, navy crested tracksuit bottoms, half zip tracksuit top (available through Shaws Carlow and schooluniformsdirect.ie*) and white-soled trainers or runners.
- *Uniform may also be pre-ordered through Kaideen Knitware mobile shop which comes to the school each year.

Studying at Tyndall College

JUNIOR CYCLE

First Year: Tyndall College offers a taster programme to all students in First Year. This provides students with the opportunity to learn many new skills and helps them make better informed subject choices for Second Year.

In **Junior Cycle** (1st-3rd year) students study a selection of the following subjects: Business Studies, Civic Social and Political Education (CSPE), Engineering, English, French, Geography, History, Home Economics, ICT (Computer Studies), Irish, Italian, Maths, Music, Physical Education (PE), Religious Education, Science, Social Personal and Health Education (SPHE), Spanish, Technical Graphics, Visual Art, Wellbeing, Wood Technology.

TRANSITION YEAR

Transition Year is a one-year optional programme taken after Junior Cycle and before the two-year Leaving Certificate course. Students get the opportunity to sample a wide range of subject areas, engage in trips away and fun activities, and gain useful work experience, which offers students an insight into the real working world.



SENIOR CYCLE

This is a two-year programme where students will study from the following subjects: English, Irish, Maths, Career Guidance, Physical Education, Relationships and Sexuality Education (RSE), Accounting, Agricultural Science, Art, Biology, Business, Chemistry, Construction Studies, Design and Communication Graphics, Engineering, French, Geography, Home Economics, Italian, LCVP*, Music, Physics, Religious Education, Spanish.

*Leaving Certificate Vocational Programme (LCVP)

LCVP is a two-year Leaving Certificate programme. It is similar to a standard Leaving Certificate but with a strengthened vocational dimension, designed to prepare students for life after school. LCVP combines the academic strengths of the Leaving Certificate with a dynamic focus on self-directed learning, enterprise, work and the community. In most ways the LCVP is like the established Leaving Certificate.

Leaving Certificate Applied (LCA)

This is a two-year Leaving Certificate programme available to students who wish to follow a practical Leaving Certificate Programme with a vocational focus. LCA places a significant emphasis on preparation for the world of work and work experience is a key component of the programme. LCA promotes participant-centred learning and is designed to prepare students for transition from school to that of adult and working life. This course is assessed across two years through a series of tasks to be completed.

Students will study from the following courses:

English and Communications, Graphics and Construction Studies, Hair and Beauty, Hotel Catering and Tourism, ICT, Irish, Mathematical Applications, Modern Foreign Language, Music and Art, Social Education Leisure and Recreation

