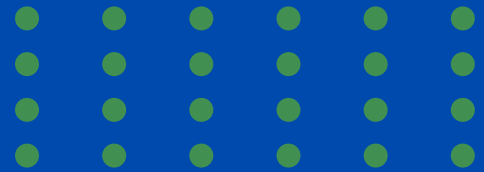


COLÁISTE POBAIL BUIRÍOS UÍ CHÉIN

Borrisokane Community College

Prospectus



2024-2025

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Mission Statement

We seek to promote a caring and committed college community which will facilitate the education of our students and where each individual is valued as a unique human being.



Timetable

The School Day	Mon - Thurs	The School Day	Friday
9:00 - 9:58	Class 1	8:45 - 9:43	Class 1
9:58 - 10:56	Class 2	9:43 - 10:41	Class 2
10:56 - 11:16	BREAKTIME	10:41 - 11:39	Class 3
11:16 - 12:14	Class 3	11:39 - 12:14	LUNCHTIME
12:14 - 1:12	Class 4	12:09 - 1:07	Class 4
1:12 - 1:44	LUNCHTIME	1:07 - 2:05	Class 5
1:44 - 2:42	Class 5		
2:42 - 3:40	Class 6		



Borrisokane Community College



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Welcome

‘Is ar scáth a chéile a mhairimid’

Borrisokane Community College is known for its rich history and proud tradition of excellence. Over time, we have built a reputation for providing our students with a high-quality education and a safe, nurturing environment where they can grow and thrive.

As an ETB school we encompass our core values of Care, Respect, Equality, Excellence and Community.

We are incredibly proud of the achievements of our students and staff. Over the years, we have had the pleasure of watching our students go on to do great things in their chosen fields, and we are always thrilled to see them come back to visit and share their success stories with us.

As a school, we are committed to providing our students with a well-rounded education that prepares them academically and helps them develop the skills and character they will need to succeed in life. Our dedicated and skilled teachers work tirelessly to ensure that every student receives the support they need to achieve their full potential.

We are deeply committed to education and has a strong desire to positively impact students' lives. We are eager to hear their ideas and work together to create an even better school for our students and community.

We are confident that Borrisokane Community College will continue to be a shining example of excellence in education.

We will build on our past achievements and forge a new path for the future.

We look forward to welcoming you all to Borrisokane Community College to begin your second level educational journey.



Paula Molloy

Principal

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Caitriona Maher

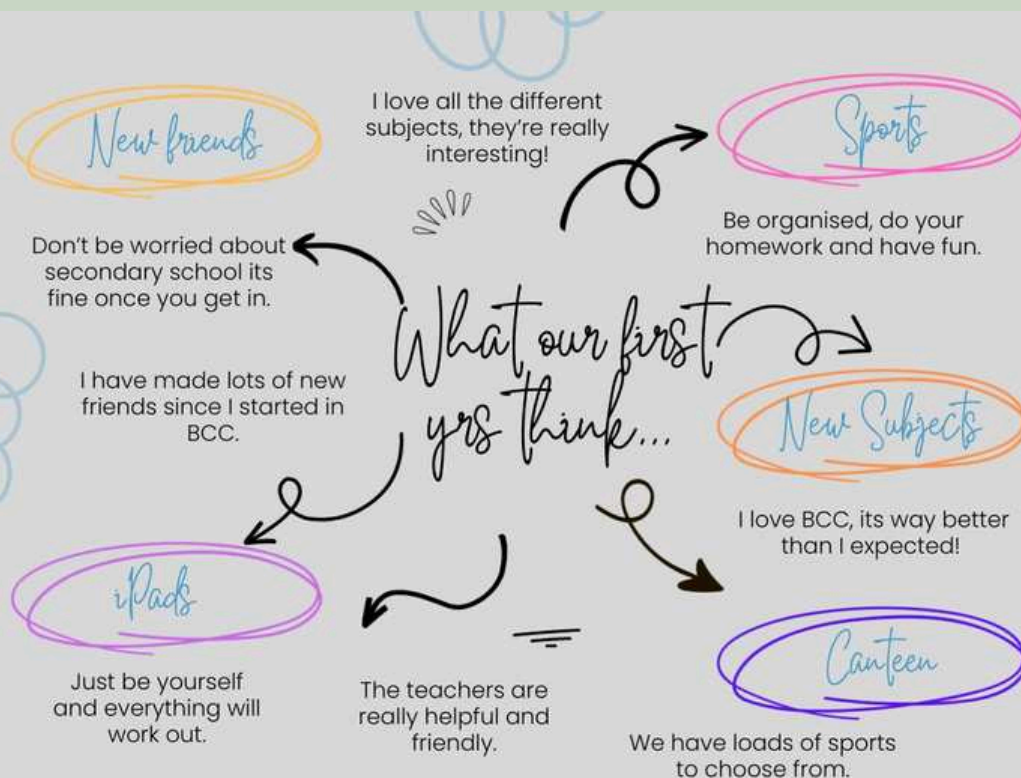
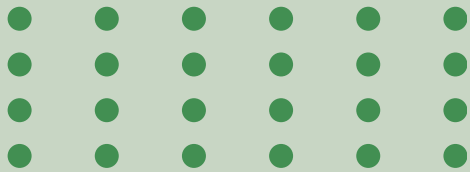
Deputy Principal

Catriona.Maher@borrisokanecce.ie

Nuturing our First Years

Transition from primary education to post primary education is a time of great adjustment and excitement. We support all our students through this stage of their education by facilitating the following:

- First Year Induction Day
- Cairde Programme
- Wellbeing Classes
- Year head
- Class Tutor
- Mentoring
- Friendship Cafe



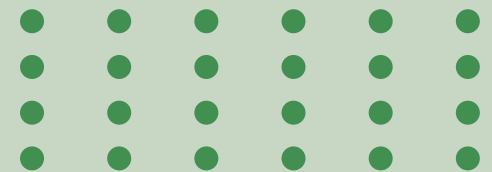
Wellbeing

All our structures at Borrisokane Community College are student centred.

In Borrisokane Community College there is a great emphasis on the welfare and wellbeing of our students.

Borrisokane Community College aims to:

- Create a caring environment that is favourable to student learning.
- Provide a safe environment where our students have a voice, high self-esteem and good mental health.
- Provide a Pastoral Care/Wellbeing and discipline programme that emphasises the importance of relationships and respect for all.
- Instill confidence, self-discipline, self-direction and integrity in every student



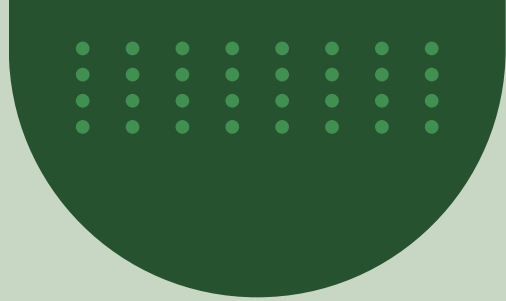
School Uniform

All students are expected to wear the school uniform at all times in school and when representing the school.

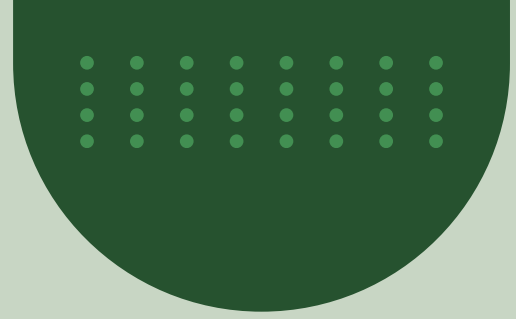
- Blackwatch tartan skirt or navy uniform trousers.
- Bottle green v-neck jumper with college crest.
- White shirt (2).
- Black or brown shoes or boots.
- Navy School Jacket with Crest

Uniform available from Slattery's, Pearse Street, Nenagh.
P.E. Uniform for P.E. Classes and games, available from Xgear.ie

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Junior Cycle



What will I study in Junior Cycle?

The curriculum here in Borrisokane Community College adapts to meet the students' needs and desires. We offer a diverse range of subjects to Higher Level for Junior Cycle and Senior Cycle.



Junior Cycle Curriculum

First Year students in Borrisokane Community College will study all of the core subjects and option subjects at the beginning of the first year. They will then choose three optional subjects to study with their core subjects for their Junior Cycle programme. Science and History are core subjects along with English, Irish and Maths.



Core Subjects	Option Subjects	Short Courses
Irish	Art	CSPE
English	Business	Coding
Maths	Engineering	Digital Media Literacy
Science	French	Physical Education
History	German	Religious Education
	Geography	SPHE
	Graphics	
	Wood Technology	
	Music	
	Home Economics	

Senior Cycle

All Leaving Certificate Subjects are offered at Higher and Ordinary Levels. The following is our list of Leaving Certificate Examination Subjects.



LC Subjects	LC Subjects	Non Exam
Irish	Art	Religion
English	Business	Career Guidance
Maths	Engineering	SPHE
Leaving Cert PE	French	
History	German	
Biology	Geography	
Computer Science	DCG	
Agricultural Science	Construction	
Physics	Music	
Chemistry	Home Economics	
Accounting		



LCVP

The Leaving Certificate Vocational Programme combines the academic strengths of the Leaving Certificate (established) with a new and dynamic focus on self-directed learning, enterprise, work and the community. It is designed to give a strong vocational dimension to the Leaving Certificate. Young people taking the LCVP have a unique opportunity to develop their interpersonal, vocational and technological skills. These skills are equally relevant to the needs of those preparing for further education, seeking employment or planning to commence their own business sometime in the future.

LCA

The Leaving Certificate Applied programme is a two-year Leaving Certificate programme aimed at preparing students for adult and working life. The programme sets out to recognise the talents of all students and to provide opportunities for developing personal responsibility, self-esteem and self-knowledge, and helps students apply what they learn to the real world.



Transition Year

Curriculum

The Transition Year is an opportunity to take stock, to explore new and different ways of learning, to expand the learning environment beyond the college into the wider community and the world of work and to lay a secure foundation for more mature decision-making with regard to Leaving Certificate and all that is to follow in the future. In Borrisokane Community College Transition Year is optional.

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Additional Courses

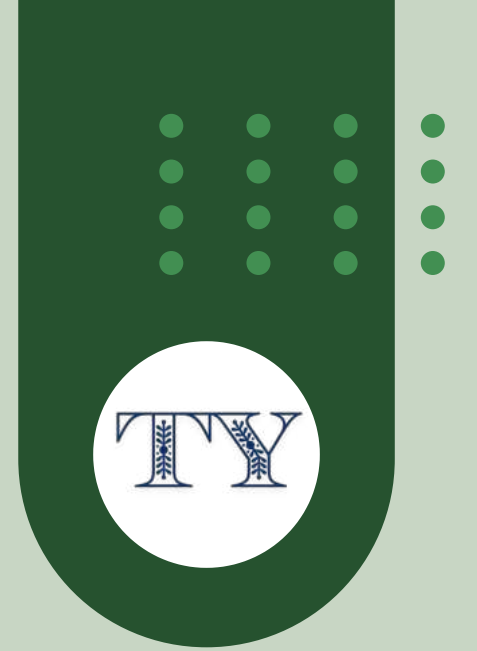
Poetry Workshop, Coaching Courses, Tractor Driving Skills, Law Education, Debating and Public Speaking,

Work Experience

Two periods of work experience are provided each year. A variety of work situations are available to the college. Students are closely monitored by the college while on work experience.



Transition Year



Continuous Assessment takes place throughout the year with projects and portfolios in many subjects. Students are interviewed at the end of the year. School Reports are issued to parents during the year when credits are awarded to students in all subjects. Certificates are presented to students at the end of the year.

Core Subjects	Core Subjects	Modules	Modules	Modules
Irish	Physical Education	Active Schools	Accounting	Future Leaders
English	Drama	Coding	Enterprise	Digital Skills
Maths	SPHE	Erasmus	Biology	Art
Geography	Career Guidance	YSI	Business	Engineering
History	German	Junk Kouture	Physics	DCG
French		Sustainability	Construction	Music
		One Good School	Home Economics	Ag Science

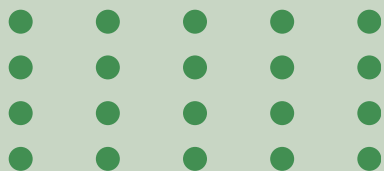


Extra Curricular

A wide range of extra curricular activities are offered to boys and girls in the sporting and non sporting areas.



- Camogie
- Rugby
- Debating
- Aerobics
- Quizes
- Football
- Basketball
- Public Speaking
- Badminton
- Soccer
- Athletics
- Concerts
- Traditional Music
- Hurling
- Drama
- Dance
- Creative Writing
- Ladies Football
- Gym
- String Music
- Drumming Workshop



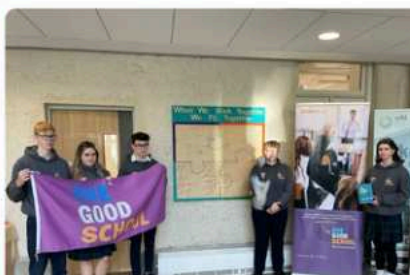
Co Curricular



Supporting Additional Educational Needs

The college has in place a policy for assisting students with Special Educational Needs (available on request).

- Consultation takes place with parents and primary schools to establish if students have special needs.
- Psychological Assessments and Student Support Files obtained where available.
- Early in first year all students are assessed using the CAT4, Reading and Maths Skills tests.
- Students supported in line with NEPS continuum of support.
- Student support plans are put in place for students where necessary
- The college has at present on staff seven Special Education Teachers and ten Special Needs Assistants
- Parents should inform the college if students have an exemption from Irish and supply supporting documentation on enrolling.



EVERYONE IS WELCOME IN BCC



Supporting Additional Educational Needs

Autism Centre

"A child is entitled to attend the school which is most suited to his/ her overall needs."
The Education For Persons with Disabilities Act 2004.

In making provision for students with Autistic Spectrum Disorders (ASD) in Borrisokane Community College, we seek to enable each student to join in the activities of the school along with other students. We want all students with ASD to feel that they are a valued part of the School Community. We seek to ensure that all students gain access to a broad and balanced curriculum and have an equal opportunity to receive an education that is appropriate to their needs. The students enrolled in the special class attend a small class setting that can cater for up to 6 students. They are taught by a resource teacher and supported by special needs assistants (SNA). A holistic approach is taken when planning for the education of the students with ASD. Following the information gathering and consultation process, an educational plan is developed that caters for the student's social, sensory and educational needs. We seek to ensure that all students gain access to a broad and balanced curriculum and have an equal opportunity to receive an education that is appropriate to their needs. Each student is offered access to curricular subjects through teaching by the resource teacher or subject teacher in a special class setting or by attending subjects in a mainstream class setting.

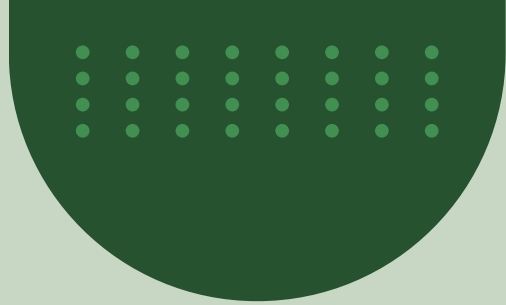
The school has 3 ASD classes, with the following Ancillary facilities:

- Sensory Room
- Meeting Room
- Enclosed Garden
- Sensory Garden
- Withdrawal Room
- Living skills room
- Practical skills room.

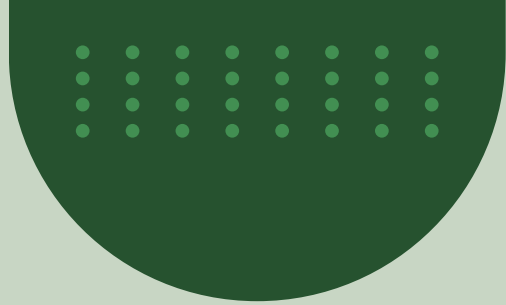
All Special Needs students have access to the Library, sports facilities and Computer Room in the main school building.



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Guidance



WHOLE SCHOOL GUIDANCE

Our Guidance Counsellors have a caring and supportive role in the school where students can get advice and supports about a range of issues. From relationships to study skills and family difficulties to college advice and information, the Guidance Counsellor is on hand to meet with students in a confidential environment where they can be cared for and supported throughout their time in the school. The Guidance Department within Borrisokane Community College provides support for all students in three main areas:

- Personal and Social Guidance
- Educational Guidance
- Career and Vocational Guidance



PERSONAL AND SOCIAL GUIDANCE

This area empowers students to make decisions, solve problems, change behaviour and resolve issues in their lives, through:

- individual counselling
- group counselling
- referral to a counsellor or other outside agency.

EDUCATIONAL GUIDANCE

This area of Guidance recognises students' different learning abilities and their inherent talents. Each student is encouraged to optimise their learning skills. This involves:

- helping students with choices as with subjects, courses and levels
- aiding motivation and management learning
- showing students how to use available resources, study skills and exam techniques
- demonstrating how to use computer aided research.



CAREER AND VOCATIONAL GUIDANCE

This area of Guidance helps students to identify career and vocational goals by developing their self analysis skills and sourcing and managing career information. This involves:

- having an understanding of the pathways into higher education
- making and carrying out appropriate life choices and plans
- practicing interview techniques, CV writing and cover letters
- identifying strengths and weakness from the results of various interest and aptitude tests
- becoming aware of employment opportunities



WHOLE SCHOOL GUIDANCE

Whole School Guidance encompasses the ethos and core values of Borrisokane Community College. Students are supported by all school staff on their personal, social, educational and vocational journey through life during class time and extracurricular activities.

Student Leadership

STUDENTS' COUNCIL

Two representatives from each year group form the students' council. They meet on a regular basis with their staff liaison person where they discuss issues of concern to students. The students' council has been involved in fundraising activities to improve life for the whole college community. Each year the Students' Council report to the Board of Management on their activities

CINNIRE

The Cinnire are a group of Senior students who take on responsibilities in the college by supervising students in the dining hall and at other events in the school.

CAIRDE

This is a group of students who volunteer to work with our new First Years each year. This group of about twenty students assist with First Year Induction Day and act as mentors and friends to First Years as they settle into the routine of Borrisokane Community College. They also organise and participate in activities for First Year students.

STUDENT LEADERS

Two students from each class are selected as Student Leaders. Their role is to:

- work with staff, giving practical help with the running of the school.
- liaise with the Student Council
- represent the school at public events.



Parents' Association

The College has a very active Parents' Association with representatives from all parts of the catchment area. Various events are organised throughout the year and the Parents Association has been involved in many projects updating facilities at the college. The aims of the Parents' Association are:

- to represent the views of parents.
- to inform parents of developments in education and in the college.
- to foster co-operation between parents, teachers and college management.
- help with the provision of extra equipment and facilities through fundraising.

Parents are always welcome to call to the college to view our facilities or discuss the progress of their children. In addition each year, we have Parent/Teacher/Student meetings when parents and students are invited to the college to meet all teachers. Meetings for parents of first years are organised during the first term to give them an idea of what new subjects involve and ideas on how parents can help with their child's education. Meetings also take place when students are making important decisions such as choosing subjects for the Junior and Leaving Certificate. Induction Meetings for parents takes place in early September. At this meeting parents are given information about all aspects of school life.



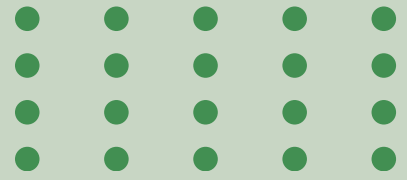
College Policies

The college community (parents, teachers, students, board of management) has developed policy in a number of areas. These policy documents are available on the college website and copies of policies which apply to students and/or parents/guardians are circulated to them on request. Policy has been developed in the following areas:

- Charters for Students, Staff and Parents
- Code of Behaviour
- School Attendance Strategy
- Anti Bullying
- Social Personal and Health Education
- Child Protection
- Complaints Procedures
- Meetings with Teachers
- Substance Use
- House Exams/State Exams
- Healthy Living and Healthy Eating
- Special Educational Needs
- ICT Acceptable Use
- Admissions
- Crisis Response
- Pastoral Care
- Homework
- Assessment
- iPad Acceptable Use
- Social Media
- School Tours
- Wellbeing
- Smoke Free



Points of Interest




- Caring approach to Education
- All subjects taught to Higher Level
- Excellent Academic Reputation in State Exams
- Majority of students go to Third Level
- Supervised Study Monday to Thursday 4:00 to 6:15.
- Students remain on College Campus during lunchtime
- College Grounds Supervised from 8.15 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Buses to and from the college door
- Positive Bullying Policy
- Strict but fair discipline structure
- Good Reputation for Delivery of a Quality Service

Enrolling - Important Dates

- All applications to the First Year Group or the Special Class in Borrisokane Community College will only be accepted after the 14/10/2024.
- The closing date for receipt of applications is the 04/11/2024.
- Applications received after this date will be considered and processed as late applications in accordance with the school's Admission Policy.
- All applicants to the First-Year Group and/or Special Class will be notified of an offer of a place or refusal of admission by: 25/11/2024.
- Successful applicants to the First Year Group and/or Special Class must confirm their acceptance of an offer of admission by completing and returning the Acceptance Form on or before: 09/12/2024.

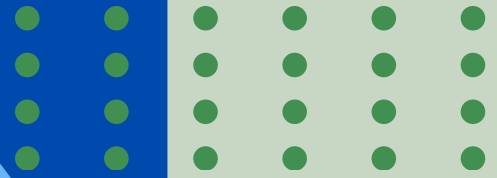
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10 REASONS TO CHOOSE BCC

- ✓ Wide variety of subjects
- ✓ Academic achievements
- ✓ State of the art facilities
- ✓ Extra-curricular activities
- ✓ Spirit of inclusivity
- ✓ Integration of IT
- ✓ Progression to further education
- ✓ Strong student supports
- ✓ Emphasis on wellbeing
- ✓ Friendly environment

