



Religious Education Programme in Lucan Community College

This document outlines the current Religious Education programme and policy in Lucan Community College and serves as a briefing to parents of incoming first years and other parents of newly enrolled students.

Religious Education is part of our core (compulsory) curriculum at Junior and Senior Cycle and is studied by **all** students.

As a multi-denominational college, we follow the curriculum developed by the National Council for Curriculum and Assessment at Junior Cycle level. Students learn about what people believe, why they believe and how these beliefs influence their own lives, the lives of others and the world around us. Faith instruction in any one particular faith is not part of our curriculum. This course is suited to students of all faiths and none.

At senior cycle every student participates in Religious Education classes and follows a curriculum designed by our RE team covering a range of societal and world issues and allowing students the opportunity to engage in debate on moral and ethical matters. Religion is also offered as an optional Leaving Certificate examination subject.

It is our experience that integrating students of all faiths and none supports our aim of promoting understanding and tolerance and builds a capacity within our school community for engaging in philosophical and ethical discussion about important societal issues.

As a parent/guardian we encourage you to support your son/daughter's engagement in the Religious Education programme. You are welcome to contact your son/daughter's Religious Education teacher should you have any further queries on this matter. An appointment can also be made with the Principal should you wish to discuss any aspect of our school policy in relation to the subject of Religious Education.

Best wishes.

Diane Birnie

Principal