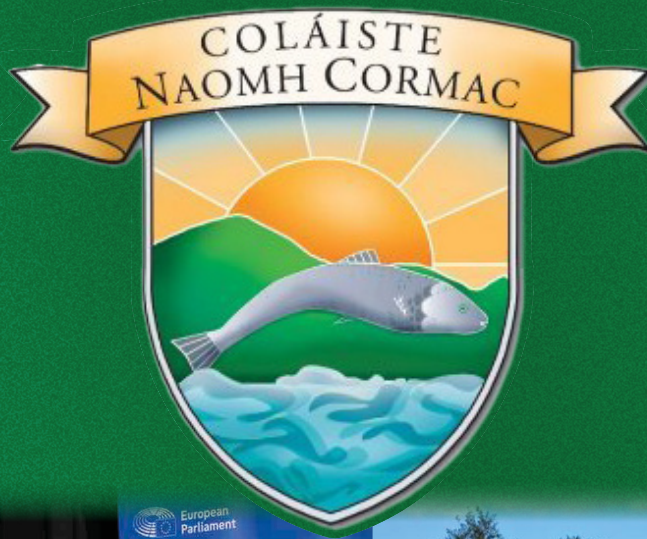


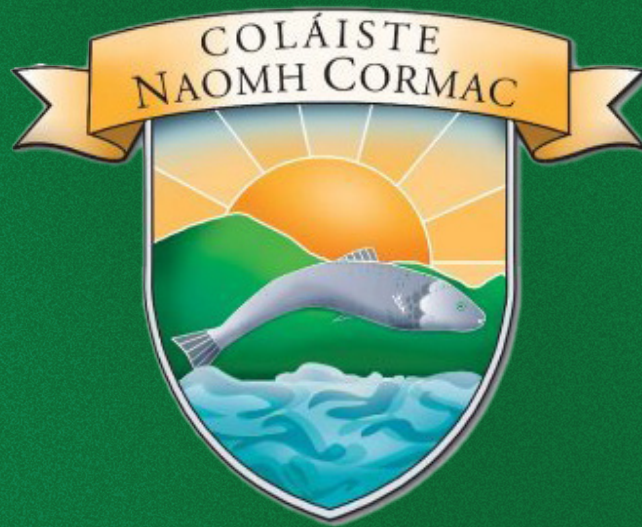


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Kilcormac, Co. Offaly

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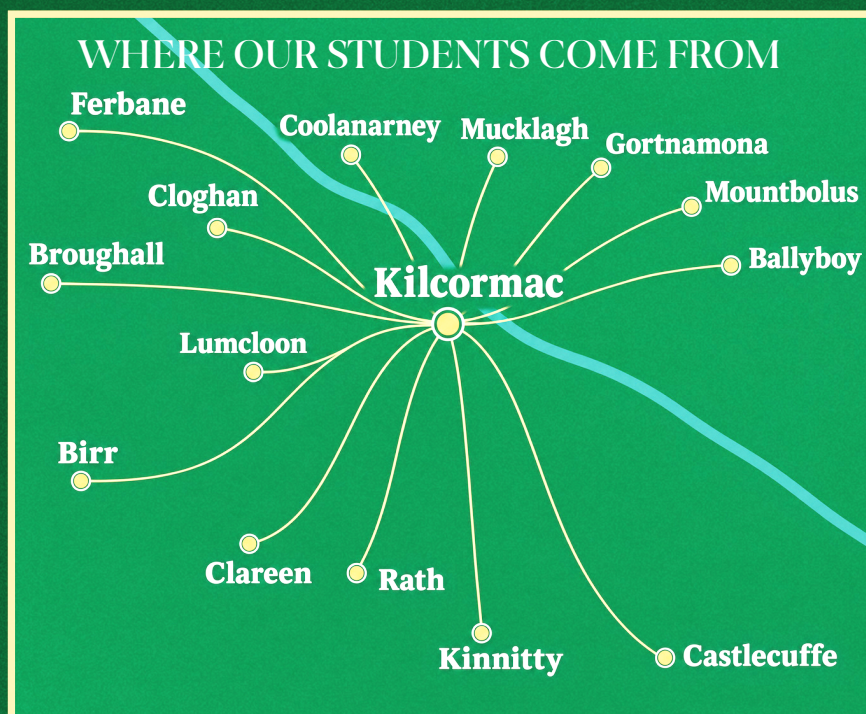
Our school crest is a symbol of all that our school represents. It depicts the salmon of knowledge rising from the Silver River as the sun breaks over the nearby Slieve Bloom Mountains.

This crest encompasses the importance that the school places on educating the youth, while also continuing to be at the heart of the local communities that surround us.

The crest is also complemented by our school motto:

“Mol an óige, agus tiocfaidh sí”

“Praise the youth and they will blossom”



It is with great pride and enthusiasm that we welcome you to Coláiste Naomh Cormac, where every student is at the heart of everything we do. Our mission is to provide a challenging, engaging and supportive environment where each child's unique talents and abilities can flourish.

Here, in Coláiste Naomh Cormac, we offer a comprehensive range of subjects and programmes. Our talented and experienced staff work tirelessly to create a positive and inclusive atmosphere where every child feels safe valued and motivated to succeed. While academic excellence is a priority, we believe education extends beyond the classroom. We are committed to nurturing the intellectual, emotional, social and physical development of all our students. Our rich curriculum, complemented by a wide range of extra-curricular activities, aims to develop well-rounded individuals who are prepared to make meaningful contributions to the world.

We believe that the success of our school is rooted in the close partnership we maintain with our parents and the wider community. Together, we create a school where every child feels valued, respected, empowered and supported in reaching their highest potential.

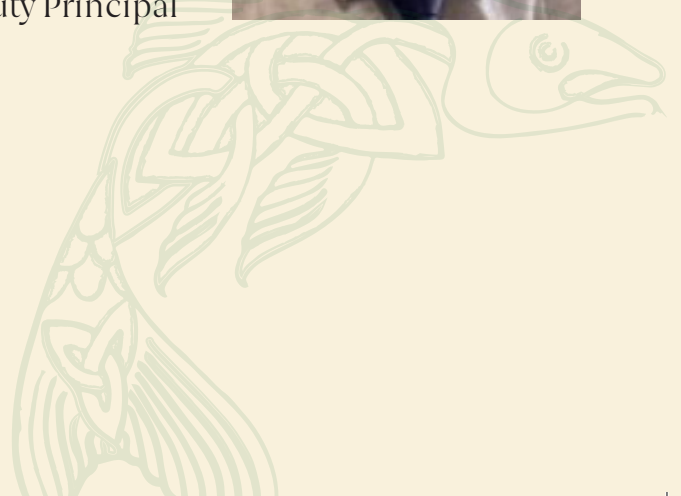
Thank you for considering Coláiste Naomh Cormac. Our students are the best ambassadors of our school and so we invite and we invite you to visit, meet with our staff and students, and experience all that we have to offer. We look forward to welcoming both you and your child to our dynamic school community. Should you have any further questions, please contact the school and we would be delighted to speak with you.



Victoria Guinan
- Principal



Mark Lyons
- Deputy Principal



4 | WHY CHOOSE OUR SCHOOL?

MISSION AND ETHOS

Nestled in the foothills of the Slieve Bloom Mountains, Coláiste Naomh Cormac is a co-educational school under the patronage of Laois and Offaly Education and Training Board (LOETB).

We are committed to providing a high-quality education in a supportive, inclusive and respectful environment where every student is known, valued and encouraged to achieve their full potential.

Working in partnership with parents, guardians and the wider community, we aim to nurture the academic, social, emotional, physical and spiritual development of each young person entrusted to our care.



WHY FAMILIES CHOOSE CNC

At Coláiste Naomh Cormac, academic excellence is matched by a genuine commitment to student wellbeing. We strive to create an environment where students feel safe, supported and encouraged to participate fully in every aspect of school life.

We recognise the unique strengths and talents of every student and provide opportunities for each young person to succeed, both inside and outside the classroom. Through strong relationships, high expectations and a culture of respect, we help our students grow into confident, resilient and responsible young adults.

Students who attend CNC become part of a welcoming school community where they are challenged to achieve their best and supported every step of the way.



- Academic Excellence
- A proud tradition of achievement and high academic standards.
- A broad and balanced curriculum with extensive subject choice.
- Dedicated teachers who are passionate about student success.
- High expectations that encourage every student to reach their potential.
- Student Support & Wellbeing
- Excellent pastoral care and student support systems.
- A welcoming, inclusive and student-centred environment.
- Strong home-school partnerships.
- A school community where every student is known and valued.
- Opportunities Beyond the Classroom
- A vibrant programme of sporting, cultural and extracurricular activities.
- Student leadership opportunities through Cairde, Student Council and other initiatives.
- Experiences that build confidence, resilience and life skills.
- Modern Facilities
- Two fully equipped computer suites.
- Two science laboratories.
- Specialist rooms for Art, Music, Home Economics, Engineering and Wood Technology.
- Digital technology in every classroom.
- A full-sized sports hall and extensive outdoor recreational facilities.



“C.N.C is a great school because there are so many activities and clubs you can join, everyone is very welcoming and it’s a great environment.”

JUNIOR CYCLE

Our Junior Cycle programme is designed to help every student grow in confidence, develop key skills and achieve their full potential.

Students study the core subjects of Irish, English and Mathematics, while also experiencing a broad range of subjects that encourage creativity, critical thinking and independent learning.

In First Year, students learn in mixed-ability classes, giving them the opportunity to settle into secondary school, discover their strengths and challenge themselves in a supportive environment. Through a broad and engaging curriculum, students develop the knowledge, skills and confidence needed to succeed in school and beyond.

ASSESSMENT

Student progress is monitored throughout the three years of Junior Cycle through classroom-based assessments, projects, coursework and formal examinations.

House examinations take place in November and May for First and Second Year students. Third Year students complete a pre-mock examination in October and full mock examinations in February.

Regular reports keep parents informed of academic progress, attendance and engagement. Parent-Teacher Meetings provide valuable opportunities for students, parents and teachers to work together in supporting each student's success.

SENIOR CYCLE SUBJECT CHOICE

Along with the core subjects of Irish, English and Mathematics, students may select a combination of the following subjects:

SCIENCE

- Agricultural Science
- Biology
- Chemistry
- Physics

BUSINESS

- Accounting
- Business

TECHNOLOGY & DESIGN

- Construction Studies
- Design & Communication Graphics
- Engineering

HUMANITIES & LANGUAGES

- French
- Geography
- History

CREATIVE & PRACTICAL SUBJECTS

- Art
- Home Economics
- Music

STARTING YOUR JOURNEY AT CNC

Beginning secondary school is an exciting step for every young person. At Coláiste Naomh Cormac, we work closely with students and families to ensure a positive, supportive and enjoyable transition from primary school.

PARENTS' INFORMATION SESSION

Before students begin First Year, parents and guardians are invited to an Information Session where they can meet school leaders, learn about school life and ask questions about the transition to secondary school. The session provides valuable information on academic programmes, student supports, extracurricular activities and daily routines, helping families feel informed and confident from the outset.

FIRST DAY AT CNC

Starting secondary school is a significant milestone, and our First Year induction programme is designed to ensure every student feels welcome and supported. Students are greeted by staff and Cairde mentors, receive their timetables and lockers, and take part in activities that help them get to know their classmates and settle into their new environment with confidence.



SUBJECT SAMPLING

Choosing subjects is one of the first important decisions students make in secondary school. At CNC, we believe students should have the opportunity to try before they choose. Our Subject Sampling Programme allows First Year students to experience a wide range of subjects, including Business, Engineering, French, Graphics, Home Economics, Music, Visual Art and Wood Technology.

By exploring these subjects in the classroom, students gain a better understanding of their interests, talents and strengths before selecting their options, ensuring they make confident and informed choices for the future.

8 | FIRST YEAR - WHAT I NEED TO KNOW

START & FINISH TIMES

Class begins at 08:55am each day with roll call.

School finishes at 4:00pm
Monday and Tuesday and 3:20pm
Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

BREAKS & LUNCH

Break is from 11:00am to 11:15am

Lunch is from 1:15pm to 2:00pm.

CLASS LENGTH

Classes are 40 minutes.
Some classes may have double
classes at 1hr 20 mins.

UNIFORM

A navy jumper with a light blue t
rim with school crest

A light blue long sleeved shirt

Navy trousers

LOCKERS

Every student gets a locker.
Each lock has a combination
code. We secure our books and
belongings in our locker and use
the locker before and after school
and at break and lunch time.

P.E UNIFORM

O'Neills Coláiste Naomh Cormac
Academy Squad Half-Zip Top

O'Neills Coláiste Naomh Cormac
Academy Squad Skinny Tracksuit
Bottoms

Suitable runners
for physical activity.

SCHOOL APP

The Unique School App for
CNC Kilcormac needs to be
downloaded by every parent. It is
used to notify parents of student
absences, lates and
school news/events.

SCHOOL JOURNAL

Every student receives a school
journal. We use it to record
homework and communicate
with year heads, teachers and
home.

PAYMENTS

Payments are made through
the unique school app in the
Way2Pay tab.

ENROLMENT

For information on enrolment,
taster day and open night
see the school website
www.cnckilcormac.ie

YEAR HEAD & TUTORS

Every student has a year head.
The year head provides support
throughout your school journey.
They deal with pastoral, academic
and behavioural issues.

SPECIAL CLASSES

2 ASD classes called
Firceall and Sonas.



I would tell new students that even though it feels scary it's actually a lot better than primary school in many ways and you get to make friends from other schools'.

Amy Bracken
Mountbolus N.S.

'All the teachers and the TY cairdes make me feel very welcomed here. C.N.C is a great school because of its wide range of activities'.

Gearóid Molloy
Scoil Bhríde, Ballyboy



'I would tell new students that there is absolutely nothing to worry or be nervous about every single one of the teachers and staff are so kind and will help with any problems'.

Michaela Moloney
Kinnitty N.S.

'CNC is a great school because everyone is respected and gets treated the same, they welcome everyone'.

Lily Leonard
Coolanarney N.S.



"I would say that there is absolutely nothing to worry or be nervous about every single one of the teachers and staff are so kind and will help with any problems."

Conor Clavin
Scoil Bhríde, Ballyboy

"If I ever have a problem, I feel safe talking to any of the teachers or staff, and I know they will help me."

Saoirse Egan
S.N. Naomh Eoin, Rath



TRANSITION YEAR

Transition Year at Coláiste Naomh Cormac provides students with a unique opportunity to step beyond the traditional classroom, explore new interests and develop the skills and confidence needed for life after school.

Our TY programme combines academic learning with practical experiences, including work experience, community involvement, educational trips, workshops and leadership opportunities. Students are encouraged to challenge themselves, develop independence and gain valuable insights into future education and career pathways.

TY is a year of personal growth, where students build confidence, resilience and self-belief while discovering new talents and interests. Through a wide range of experiences, students develop the communication, teamwork and leadership skills that will benefit them throughout their lives.

Transition Year empowers students to grow in confidence, embrace new opportunities and prepare for the exciting challenges that lie ahead.

CORE SUBJECTS

- Gaeilge
- English
- Mathematics

HUMANITIES & LANGUAGES

- French
- History
- Geography
- Religion

SCIENCES

- Biology
- Physics
- Chemistry
- Agricultural Science

BUSINESS & TECHNOLOGY

- Business
- ICT
- ICDL
- Robotics

CREATIVE & PRACTICAL SUBJECTS

- Art
- Music
- Home Economics
- Construction Studies
- Design & Communication Graphics

At Coláiste Naomh Cormac, every student is known, valued and supported. We place a strong emphasis on student wellbeing and have a range of support structures in place to help students thrive academically, socially and personally throughout their school journey.

CLASS TUTORS

Each class group is supported by a dedicated Class Tutor who plays an important role in students' day-to-day school life. Tutors help students settle into school, monitor their wellbeing and provide guidance and encouragement whenever needed. For many students, their tutor is a trusted first point of contact.

YEAR HEADS

Every year group is supported by a Year Head who works closely with students, parents and staff to ensure that students are happy, engaged and achieving their potential. Year Heads provide academic, pastoral and behavioural support and help students navigate the challenges and opportunities of secondary school.



“The best thing about CNC is that teachers know you, support you and want you to succeed.”

GUIDANCE & COUNSELLING

Our Guidance Department supports students as they make important decisions about subjects, careers and future educational pathways.

Students have access to:

- Individual guidance and counselling support
- Career interest assessments and psychometric testing
- CareersPortal and Eirquest resources
- Study skills and examination preparation programmes
- Information on further and higher education opportunities
- Guest speakers from universities, colleges and industry

Through these supports, students are encouraged to develop self-awareness, decision-making skills and confidence in planning for their future.

SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS

Inclusion is at the heart of everything we do at Coláiste Naomh Cormac. Our dedicated Special Educational Needs Team works in partnership with students, parents and teachers to ensure that every learner can access and engage fully in school life. We are committed to providing appropriate supports, interventions and learning opportunities that enable all students to achieve their full potential in a welcoming and inclusive environment.



FIRCEALL & SONAS ASD CLASSES

Our ASD Programme consists of two dedicated classes, Firceall and Sonas, which provide specialised support for students with additional needs.

The programme is guided by the philosophy of educational inclusion, ensuring that students are supported to participate in mainstream classes and school activities wherever appropriate. Our aim is to provide a caring, supportive environment where every student can develop academically, socially and personally.

STUDENT LEADERSHIP

Student leadership is a valued part of school life at Coláiste Naomh Cormac, providing students with opportunities to contribute positively to the school community.

CAIRDE PROGRAMME

Our Transition Year Cairde mentors play a key role in supporting incoming First Year students. They help students settle into secondary school, provide guidance and friendship, and serve as positive role models throughout the year.

STUDENT COUNCIL

The Student Council gives students an active voice within the school community. Elected representatives work in partnership with school management and staff to promote student wellbeing, contribute ideas and help shape school life.

One of the unique features of life at Coláiste Naomh Cormac is the wide range of lunchtime activities available to students each day. These activities provide opportunities for students to develop new skills, pursue their interests, build friendships and become actively involved in school life.

Our teachers generously volunteer their time to facilitate a variety of clubs, societies and activities, ensuring there is something for everyone, whether students are interested in sport, music, technology, debating, leadership or creativity.

Lunchtime Activities at CNC					
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	
Senior & Junior Hurling 115pm (Big Pitch) Senior and Junior Camogie 115pm (Small Pitch) Chess Club 115pm (Mr. McCabe's Room)	1st & 2nd Yr Camogie 115pm (Small Pitch) Senior Soccer 115pm (Outside Pitch)	STEAM- Podcasting 130pm (Podcasting Suite) Senior & Junior Camogie 115pm (Small Pitch) Chess Club 115pm (Mr. McCabe's Room) Senior & Junior Hurling 115pm (Big Pitch)	Senior & Junior Hurling 115pm (Big Pitch) Science Club 130pm (Ag Science Lab) Book Club 130pm (Ms. Luttrells Room) STEAM- Minecraft & Coding 120pm (Room 29 Computer Room)	1st & 2nd Hurling 115pm (Big Pitch) Craft Club 130pm (Ms. Keatings Room) Trad Group 130pm (Music Room) Green Schools 130pm (Ms. Delaneys Room)	

These activities play an important role in student wellbeing by helping students feel connected, confident and engaged within the school community.

At CNC, lunchtime is more than a break in the school day. It is an opportunity to learn new skills, explore interests and form lasting friendships.



SPORT

Hurling, Camogie, Gaelic Football, Basketball, Badminton, Athletics, Table Tennis, Soccer

CULTURE

School Musical, Foreign Tours, Retreats, Theatre Visits, Seachtain na Gaeilge, Book Club, Biscuits & Bingo

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

Young Scientist, SciFest, Robotics, Angus Beef Competition, LEGO League

LEADERSHIP & PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT

Gaisce, Debating, Public Speaking, Podcasting, Chess, Choir, Student Council, Green Schools, St Vincent de Paul



The annual TY Musical is one of the highlights of life at Coláiste Naomh Cormac and provides students with an unforgettable opportunity to showcase their talents, creativity and teamwork.

Students are involved in every aspect of the production, both on stage and behind the scenes. From acting, singing and dancing to set design, costumes, lighting, sound and stage management, the musical offers opportunities for everyone to contribute and shine.

Taking part in the musical helps students build confidence, communication skills and self-belief, while developing friendships and creating memories that last long after the final curtain call. The production brings together students, staff, parents and the wider community, creating a unique sense of pride and achievement for all involved.

The TY Musical is more than a performance. It is an opportunity for students to discover new talents, challenge themselves and experience the power of teamwork, creativity and community.



16 | RECENT ACHIEVEMENTS

Our students continue to excel in academics, sport, leadership, innovation and community engagement. Here are just some of the achievements that make us proud.

ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE & INNOVATION

- LOETB STEAM Winners (2025 & 2026)
- Senior Irish Debating All-Ireland Finalists & Regional Winners (2025)
- TUS LEGO League Winners (2025)
- LOETB Minecraft Competition Winners (2025)
- Microsoft Dreamspace Ambassador Platinum Award Winners (2025 & 2026)
- Junk Kouture All-Ireland Finalists (2025)
- AIB Future Sparks Winners (2024)
- National PE Expo Winners (2024)
- National Highest Leaving Certificate Construction Studies Result (2023)
- SciFest Winners (2023)

LEADERSHIP & STUDENT DEVELOPMENT

- National Garda Youth Award Recipients – Student Council (2026)
- LOETB All-Star Winners (2026)
- UCD Ad Astra Scholarship (2026)
- JP McManus Award Winners (2023 & 2026)
- DCU Intergenerational Solidarity Award (2026)
- Gaelbhratach Award Winners (2026)
- Interschools Music Festival 1st Class (2025)
- National Well-Read Award Winners (2025)
- Comhairle na nÓg National Representation (2024)
- National Garda Youth Award Recipients (2023)
- Gaisce Bronze & Silver Award Recipients annually
- Student EU Visit to Strasbourg (2023)

SPORTING SUCCESS

All-Ireland & Leinster Champions

- All-Ireland Senior C Hurling Runners-Up (2026)
- Leinster Senior Camogie Champions (2026)
- Leinster Senior C Hurling Champions (2026)
- All-Ireland Senior B Hurling Champions (2023)
- All-Ireland Senior C Hurling Champions (2022)
- Leinster Senior Camogie Champions (2022)

Other Sporting Achievements

- U17 Boys Badminton: Leinster Finalists (2026)
- U19 Boys Soccer Midlands Champions (2026)
- West Leinster Senior Division 3 League Champions (2026)
- U15 Boys Badminton: Offaly Champions & Leinster Finalists (2025)
- TUS Sports Scholarship (2025)
- U15 Girls Badminton: Offaly Champions (2025)
- U19 Girls Badminton: Offaly Champions & Leinster Runners-Up (2023)
- Athletics County Sports Junior & Overall Winners (2026)



Gaisce Award Winner –
Going for Gold in 2026

Our graduates continue to excel in universities, apprenticeships, public service, the arts and industry. Their experiences reflect the many pathways to success that begin at Coláiste Naomh Cormac.

Faustina Egan

Primary School: St Kieran's N.S., Broughall

Current Pathway: Bachelor of Music, Cork School of Music

Why CNC?

The encouragement and support I received from teachers at CNC played a huge role in my journey to music college. Through choir, guitar club, debating and basketball, I was able to develop my confidence, make lifelong friends and pursue my passion for music. There was always an activity to get involved in and a teacher willing to support me.

Advice for Students

Get involved in extracurricular activities, be open to new experiences and always be kind. Some of my closest friendships and best memories came from school activities and teams.

Caoimhe Quinn

Primary School: Ballyboy N.S.

Current Pathway: Medicine, Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland

Why CNC?

CNC supported me every step of the way in pursuing my dream of studying Medicine. The small-school environment meant teachers knew me well and provided exceptional academic and personal support. From preparing for entrance exams to offering encouragement when challenges arose, I always felt that the staff genuinely wanted me to succeed.

Advice for Students

Work hard and develop good study habits early. If you have a goal, pursue it with determination. The effort you put in today will open opportunities for your future.

Daniel Hand

Primary School: Coolanarney N.S.

Current Pathway: Member of An Garda Síochána

Why CNC?

CNC provided fantastic opportunities in sport and extracurricular activities while also preparing students well for their examinations. The teachers were always approachable, supportive and willing to help students achieve their goals, both inside and outside the classroom.

Advice for Students

Get involved in sport, stay on top of your schoolwork and make time to enjoy school life. The friendships and memories you create will stay with you long after graduation.

Paul Tallon

Primary School: Seir Kieran N.S., Clareen

Current Pathway: Aircraft Maintenance Technician Trainee, Irish Air Corps

Why CNC?

CNC offers a welcoming atmosphere where strong relationships exist between students and teachers. Alongside a proud tradition in sport and music, I benefited from opportunities in computing and technology that helped broaden my interests and skills.

Advice for Students

Take every opportunity available to you. Transition Year, in particular, is an excellent chance to explore careers, develop new skills and build stronger connections with your classmates.

Caroline Meacle

Primary School: Mountbolus N.S.

Current Pathway: Student Paramedic, University College Cork

Why CNC?

CNC offered a supportive learning environment with a wide range of subject and extracurricular options. The welcoming atmosphere, dedicated teachers and variety of opportunities helped prepare me for college and gave me the confidence to pursue a career in healthcare.

Advice for Students

Make the most of every opportunity available to you. Get involved, try new things and enjoy the experiences that secondary school offers.

Patrick Lyons

Primary School: S.N. Naomh Eoin, Rath

Current Pathway: Agricultural Science, UCD

Why CNC?

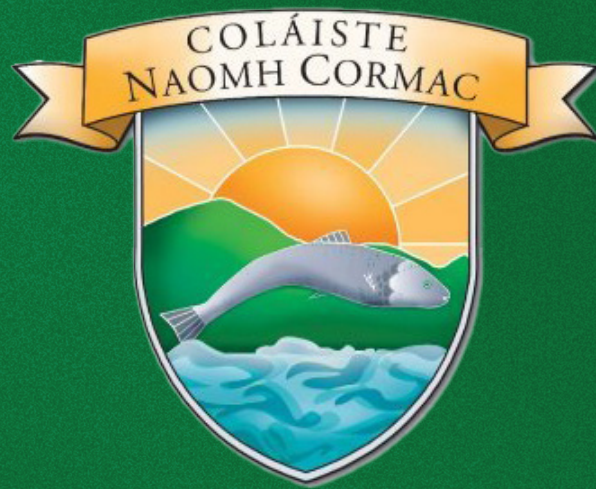
CNC's small-school environment made it easy to build strong friendships and develop positive relationships with teachers. The school has a strong sporting culture and encourages students to get involved in activities such as hurling, soccer, badminton and basketball. Studying Agricultural Science in CNC also gave me valuable insight into the course I am now pursuing at university.

Advice for Students

Embrace your time in secondary school, it passes quickly. Stay open to new experiences, ask questions, get involved and don't be afraid to make mistakes.

DATE	STAGE	DETAILS
1 October 2026	Application Forms Available	Application forms available for collection from the school reception.
23 October 2026 12:00pm	Application Deadline	Completed application forms must be returned by 23rd October 2026. Applications received after this deadline will be classified as a late application.
12 November 2026	Offers Issued with Acceptance Form	Offers of places to incoming First Year students will be issued by this date. An acceptance form will be included with each offer.
26 November 2026 12:00pm	Return of Acceptance Forms	Completed acceptance forms must be returned by this deadline. Any enrolment form received after this time may result in the students' offer of a place being withdrawn.





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