



St Colman's Community College

LCA ADMISSIONS POLICY

St Colman's Community College: Our Mission Statement

- ❖ seeks to provide the best possible education for students, where the talents of each student are developed in a positive atmosphere of respect, effort and fairness.

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

The aims and objectives of the LCA Programme reflect those specific to the guidelines published by the Department of Education and Skills, namely:

- Education that recognises the talents of all students and helps them apply what they learn in the real world.
- Education that provides opportunities for development in terms of responsibility, self-esteem and self-knowledge.

PLACES AVAILABLE

There is a maximum number of 14 places available in the LCA programme in any LCA class. This does not however mean that 14 places will be offered every year.

One class is provided in each academic year.

ADMISSION PROCEDURES

1. Information seminars for parents and students of Third Year and Transition Year regarding all senior cycle options will be held in the springtime of the year of entry.
2. Information is also available on the school website colmans.ie
3. Following the information presentation, LCA Application Forms are made available to students/parents/guardians via text link to a google form

4. Applicants may be asked to attend a short interview.
5. Each applicant's progress over Junior Cycle and Transition year(where applicable) is reviewed by the LCA coordinator, 3rd/TY Year Heads, Guidance Counsellor, Deputy Principal to determine each candidate's suitability for the programme.
6. Students of St Colman's Community College who have studied a Level 2 Learning Programme(L2LP) at Junior Cycle will be the first students considered for a place in the LCA programme.
7. Criteria that will be considered are:
 - a. SEN: Students with diagnosed Special Educational Needs will also be prioritised for places on the programme
 - b. Attendance: As the LCA programme requires 90% attendance in order to be successful in achieving credits students with a record of poor attendance may not be considered for a place on the programme.
 - c. JCSP participants
 - d. Behaviour Record
8. Please note that where there is oversubscription, students with AEN who have completed Transition Year in St Colman's Community College will be prioritized ahead of those who have completed three years of education in St Colman's.
9. Successful candidates will be offered a Provisional Place on the Programme and their Parents/Guardians will be informed by letter. This provisional place on the Programme will be subject to their signing the LCA Contract. Students who return a signed LCA Contract by the specified date are considered accepted to the LCA Programme of St Colman's Community College.
10. Unsuccessful candidates will also be informed by letter and will be placed on a waiting list in order of suitability. Please note that no student will be permitted to join the LCA class after the 30th of September of Year One of the Programme.

Current students of St Colman's Community College will be given preference for places on the LCA Programme over students applying to transfer from another school.

EXTERNAL APPLICANTS

An external applicant must apply to be accepted as a student of St Colman's Community College in accordance with the school's Admissions Policy and Admissions Notice and if accepted, the student may subsequently apply for the LCA programme.

Review and Ratification

This policy and its implementation will be reviewed by the Board of Management once in every school year, or biennially as required. The policy is published on the school website.

This policy has been ratified by the Board of Management.

Implementation Date: 23rd February 2024

Review Date: February 2025

This policy is in effect after being signed by the Board of Management

Signed: *Denis O'Shea* Date 22/02/24

Chairperson of Board of Management