



Book Loan Scheme Policy 2025/2026

St Colman's Community College

For the 2025/26 school year all students in post-primary schools in the Free Education Scheme will receive free schoolbooks and core classroom resources. These will be in place in time for the start of the new school year.

The new scheme eliminates the cost to parents/guardians of providing schoolbooks and core classroom resources.

"School Books" includes all relevant school books, for all programmes at both Junior and Senior Cycle, including Transition Year. It covers workbooks in use in the school to support teaching and subject learning. It also includes necessary additional texts such as novels and plays for English and where required, books of past examination papers for all subjects.

Parents/Guardians of students commencing second, third, sixth year and LCA 2 may already have purchased, or under the Junior Cycle Schoolbooks Scheme students were provided with, a significant amount of the schoolbooks and classroom resources required. Any additional schoolbooks and core classroom resources required by students in these years will now be covered under the scheme.

Core classroom resources included in the scheme are listed below.

Junior Cycle students

- 1 school journal per student per Junior Cycle year
- 12 copybooks (incl. equivalent hard back copybook or refill pad) per student per Junior Cycle year
- 1 display A4 plastic folder per student per Junior Cycle year
- 1 plastic zip A4 folder/carry case per student per Junior Cycle year
- 1 set of ledgers/journals/cash books required for accounting/business studies per student per Junior Cycle year (if required by students studying business only)
- 1 science copybook per student per Junior Cycle year
- 1 music copybook/manuscript per student per Junior Cycle year (students studying music only)
- 1 set of grammar books per student (where required) (to remain assigned to that student for the duration/remainder of the Junior Cycle)
- 1 maths formulae & tables/log book (to remain assigned to that student for the duration/remainder of the Junior Cycle)
- 1 scientific calculator (to remain assigned to that student for the duration of their post primary education)
- Dictionary/(ies) (to remain assigned to that student for the duration of their post primary education)

Transition Year students

- 1 school journal per student
- 4 copybooks (incl. equivalent hard back notebook or refill pad) per student
- 1 display A4 plastic folder per student
- 1 plastic zip A4 folder/carry case per student

**Senior Cycle students including Leaving Certificate Established,
Leaving Certificate Vocational Programme (LCVP) and Leaving Certificate
Applied (LCA)**

- 1 school journal per student per Senior Cycle year
- 16 copybooks to include 2 copybooks per examination subject (including equivalent hardback notebook or refill pad) per student per Senior Cycle year
- 1 set of ledgers/equivalent journals for business required for accounting/business subjects per student per Senior Cycle year (if required by students studying business/accounting only)
- 1 science specific copy/equivalent per student per Senior Cycle year where required for science and applied science subjects (if required by students studying science subjects only)
- 1 music copybook/manuscript per student per Senior Cycle year (Music students only)
- 1 ring binder folder and pockets or display A4 plastic folder (or equivalent) per student per subject per Senior Cycle year
- 1 plastic zip A4 folder/carry case per student per Senior Cycle year
- 1 maths formulae and tables/log book (to remain assigned to that student for the duration/remainder of the Senior Cycle) (where required)
- 1 mathematical geometry set (to remain assigned to that student for the duration/remainder of the Senior Cycle) (where required)
- 1 scientific calculator (to remain assigned to that student for the duration/remainder of the Senior Cycle) (where required)
- 1 dictionary/relevant grammar book per language studied per student for the duration of Senior Cycle

Please note that we will retain dictionaries in classrooms for use in school. Students will be permitted to take dictionaries home for use when required.

Please note that calculators, maths formulae/log books and Maths geometry sets provided at Junior cycle will not be provided again at senior cycle.

Details on other stationery items parents/guardians will need to supply for the return to school in September 2025 will be itemised and communicated to you in the parent/guardian handbook.

All schoolbooks and reusable core classroom resources provided under the new scheme will remain the property of the school, so that they can be reused in future years. School Books will be provided on loan to students for the duration of the 2025/26 school year and must be returned to school at the end of the 3 years of Junior Cycle/ at the end of TY/ at the end of the 2 years of Senior Cycle.

Please remind your children to take care of their schoolbooks and classroom resources and keep them in good condition during the period that they are in their possession. It is not permitted to write on school books. The school is under no obligation to replace an item that has been lost or damaged by a student. This will be the responsibility of the parent/guardian.

This policy was ratified by the Board of Management on May 1st 2025

Signed: 
Chairperson of BOM

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