

ST. COLMAN'S COMMUNITY COLLEGE

STRIKING THE RIGHT BALANCE BETWEEN TEACHING AND LEARNING - STUDENT VOICE AT ST. COLMAN'S COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Teachers and students at St. Colman's Community College are building on the good practice already taking place in their classrooms as they engage in The Learning School Project 9 an action research project undertaken by Cork Education Centre. One project is investigating the impacts of team teaching on student progress. The second project looks at feedback and how it informs teaching and learning. These projects aim to enhance teaching and learning in our school and develop a culture of student voice. The projects are being piloted in a number of our junior classes.



Teachers leading the projects have the student at the centre of the learning process enabling them to become more active in their own learning by developing 'Student Voice'.

In developing Student Voice students are encouraged to know that their experiences, opinions and ideas are valued in all aspects of school life. A small focus group of Transition Year students are engaging with junior students and teachers about their experiences in the classroom with a particular focus on feedback. These include questionnaires, conversations and focus group discussions about student experiences. Students are enjoying having more ownership of their learning and have grown in confidence as they 'develop a voice'. The work on the development of Student Voice within the school enriches the quality of teaching and learning and provides a positive educational experience for the student. Teachers involved in the projects have had the opportunity to collaborate with colleagues in other schools as they lead new innovative teaching and learning initiatives in our school. The projects will be published online by Cork Education Centre and we will have the opportunity to present our research to other schools in 2018/2019.