

Kilkenny College - Co. Kilkenny, Ireland

Founded in 1538, Kilkenny College is a Church of Ireland co-educational boarding and day school under the chairmanship of Bishop John Neill. In 1985 the school moved to a new building consisting of a complete classroom block, sports hall complex, playing fields, modern kitchen and dining hall. In 2007 the Jonathon Swift building was built comprising of a further 12 new classrooms, 2 Science laboratories, Art room.

The school is an attractive group of buildings, surrounded by flowers, shrubs and trees on a 50-acre site. Kilkenny College has a solid Christian Ethos, which tries to cultivate a friendly family atmosphere among both pupils and teacher alike. The school has a long tradition of providing an atmosphere where the intellectual, physical and spiritual potential of its pupils is allowed to develop.



Key Facts

LOCATION

- Kilkenny, Co. Kilkenny, IRELAND
- Population: 25,000 (Kilkenny town)
- Nearest Airport: Dublin

SCHOOL TYPE

- IREPS / IREBS
- Coeducational, Multidenominational

SIZE

- 800 students (457 boarders)

ACCOMMODATION

- Homestay & Boarding

UNIFORM

- Compulsory

AGE RANGE

- 12-18

EFL LESSONS

- Available at extra cost



Facilities

ACADEMIC FACILITIES

- State-of-the-art classrooms
- Well equipped laboratories
- Modern IT facilities
- Specialised Art studio
- Well-stocked Library
- Study area facilities for all students
- Woodwork workshop
- Engineering, Technical Graphics and Technology centres

SPORT & LEISURE FACILITIES

- 4 Rugby pitches
- 2 synthetic Hockey pitches
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- Large indoor Sports centre
- Basketball courts
- Badminton courts

Boarding Facilities

Over 500 pupils are accommodated in the extensive boarding houses. Sixth Year boys reside in the Wolfe Block, built a few years ago to allow the senior boys to be more self-sufficient before they enter the world of third level or the work place. The rest of the boys stay in a separate building which incorporates a large study hall. A House Master and seven male teaching staff live on the premises as well as two Matrons.

The girls live in the original residence now known as Celbridge House and also have a new residence. Several extensions over recent years have provided much improvement to the girls' accommodation. The House Mistress and six female teachers are resident with the girls. Dormitories are built to include only a small number of pupils in each. Homework is completely supervised by teaching staff.



Subjects Offered

The curriculum is that laid down by the Irish Department of Education and includes the following subjects:

Junior Cert: Irish, English, Maths, History, Geography, French, Science, Religious Education, Technical Graphics, Woodwork, Technology, Business, Metalwork, Home Economics, German, Art, Music

Leaving Cert: Irish, English, Maths, History, Geography, French/German, Physics, Home Economics, Agricultural Science, Biology, Art, Accountancy, Business, Technical Drawing, Applied Maths, Engineering, Music,

Pastoral Care

In Kilkenny College we are committed to supporting each student to reach his/her full potential; spiritual, physical, intellectual, cultural and emotional. Care is a whole school responsibility involving the entire school community. Much of it is woven into the fabric of ordinary everyday contacts and communication, in the classroom, on the corridors, on the stage and on the playing fields. In addition we have our formalised structures with organised roles and responsibilities. All of these are supported by and work in consultation with the Headmaster and Deputy Head.

