

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



In St Tiernan's Community School



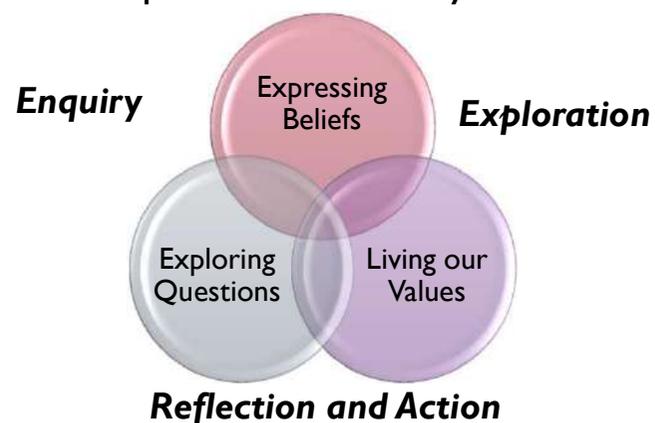
The Religious Education programmes delivered in St Tiernan's Community School have developed in such a way that it can be open to all participants, whatever their belief system, religious or secular. The general aims include:

- Promotion of personal reflection, ecumenical engagement, interreligious and intercultural dialogue, and ecological education. It provides a framework for the work of social justice within our school.
- To afford students the opportunity to engage with religious traditions and secular worldviews apart from their own, allowing them to develop the skills and attitudes they need to engage positively, respectfully and constructively in a pluralist society.
- To provide students with time and space for their own spiritual reflection and religious development and allows them to consider the religious viewpoint as a legitimate way of reading and responding to the world.
- To promote social cohesion, allowing students to be educated together regarding matters of faith and belief, encouraging tolerance and acceptance.

- The Education Act (1998) states that we must promote the spiritual and moral dimension of the student.
- Religious Education fosters all of the eight key skills identified in the Framework for Junior Cycle, as underpinning successful learning
- The Department of Education states: 'Religious Education should ensure that students are exposed to a broad range of religious traditions and to the non-religious interpretation of life... It seeks to develop in students the skills needed to engage in meaningful dialogue with those of other, or of no, religious tradition.'
- Religious Education plays a central role in bringing the mission statement of our school to life as it underpins the ethos and values of a school community and brings those commitments to life in the classroom and beyond.

JUNIOR CYCLE

Junior Cycle Religious Education has been designed for a minimum of 200 hours of timetabled student engagement across the three years of Junior Cycle. The learning to be experienced by students during these 200 hours is organised into 31 learning outcomes to be completed over three years.



Topics include:

- Our Search for Meaning and Belonging
- Living Our Values
- World Religions and the Humanist Perspective
- Religions in Conversation



Senior Cycle

In St Tiernan's Community School we broadly follow the **Religious Education Curriculum Framework for Senior Cycle** (non exam) choosing the most suitable topics.

Please see <https://curriculumonline.ie> for more information

Topics include:

- The Search for Meaning
- Morality, Moral Decision Making and Moral Issues e.g. Euthanasia, Drugs, the Environment
- Doing Justice
- Wellbeing
- Also topical issues/current affairs
- Preparation for Graduation Service



For more information please see: <https://curriculumonline.ie/getmedia/7dd9dc71-9adb-4cf2-aa36-a5200c4f68be/Religious-Education.pdf>