St. Louis Secondary School Monaghan

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Empowering positive futures
with a great education experience
& established culture of success.

Welcome from the Principal



As you prepare with your daughter to make a very important decision about the next steps in her educational journey, I invite you to examine our brochure and join us on our Open Day.
We believe that a school for girls is better than a school with girls and we offer a holistic education in the truest sense of the word to ensure that the girls entrusted to our care are well prepared to face the challenges in the future as confident young ladies.

St Louis Secondary School prides itself on an excellent pastoral care system with student wellbeing at the heart of it. Our school is an inclusive one where all are made to feel welcome and we encourage and motivate students
to achieve their full potential while nurturing their talents.
We strive for excellence in academic achievements and extra-curricular activities. Our results in the state examinations bear testimony to the excellent teaching and learning opportunities provided by our dedicated and committed staff. Each year our results in the Leaving Certificate examination exceed the national average and students are able to pursue their dreams as they move to the next stage in their educational journey.

Our school has an excellent partnership model where teachers, students and parents work together to ensure that our school community flourishes, a community where positive behaviour is rewarded and students develop their independence as learners.
Please join us on our Open Day where you will have an opportunity to view the school, meet with staff and students and see our school community at its very best.
Please feel free to contact us if you have any queries on 047 81422 or **admin@stlouismonaghan.com**.

Mr J Sherry
Principal.



It is with pleasure that we invite you to browse our school website and brochure with your daughter and we hope it will give a great indication of what you can expect when you enrol in St Louis, Monaghan. Our excellent state examination results at junior & senior cycle reflect St Louis' high academic standards and the importance we place on learning and teaching. This strong tradition is built on the comprehensive academic curriculum delivered by our team of dedicated and committed teachers, as highlighted in Dept of Education inspection reports. Our student centred approach enables each of our students to reach her full potential academically, personally & socially, while building resilience and gaining the confidence to maximise every opportunity. That standard of academic excellence is matched only by our commitment, dedication and understanding of the benefits of extra curricular sport and activities.
We provide our students with the opportunity to excel in a wide ranging extra and co- curricular programme, and in so doing nurture their personal, holistic & social development. Student wellbeing is so important, and our goal is that each and every one of our students feels supported, respected and valued as an individual within a caring, inclusive and compassionate school environment here in St Louis Secondary school, where actions are much louder than words, as any of our students can testify to.
It is my hope that as you browse through this prospectus, and join us on our open day, you will discover a vibrant school community, where students & parents have a sense of belonging, a school where your daughter will be given the opportunity to excel & achieve and develop a sense of pride in becoming a “St Louis” girl in a positive learning environment.

Ms Christina Hurson
Deputy Principal.

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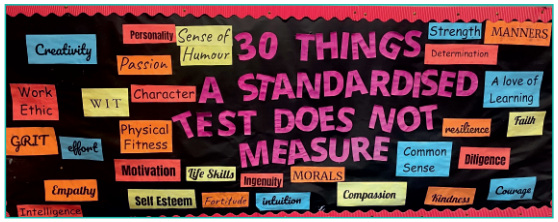
WHY CHOOSE ST LOUIS SECONDARY SCHOOL?

- Excellent Teaching & learning with a high academic standard and proven track record for achieving results consistently above the national average.
- A very strong pastoral care system which values each and every student and nurtures and supports their journey through secondary school.
- A dedicated staff who are fully committed to helping students achieve their full potential while developing their unique gifts and talents.
- A positive behaviour rewards system encouraging students to be the best version of themselves.
- An inclusive school which recognises that each student is unique with different gifts as well as different needs with a comprehensive curriculum which is ever changing to meet student demand, catering for all career paths.
- A broad range of extra-curricular activities, both sporting and non-sporting to cater for all interests.

OUR SCHOOL VISION

We are committed to the holistic education of our students so that they maximise their potential.
We embrace new and innovative teaching & learning methodologies, reflecting & evaluating our practice in the pursuit of excellence.
We are a positive learning community with a strong culture of care working in partnership with students, parents staff and our wider school and Le Cheile community.







ST LOUIS SECONDARY SCHOOL MISSION STATEMENT

Our school recognises that each pupil who enrols is unique and has different gifts, as well as different needs. It is our wish that our pupils leave us with enhanced self-confidence, and with life skills and attitudes, which enable them to lead lives which may contribute to the betterment of society. We recognise that a pupil's development is closely linked to a good self-image, and so we strive to present the school's total curriculum in such a manner as to allow all to realise their full potential. We see ourselves as working in partnership with parents, to develop the gifts and to meet the needs of all. We regard our school as an educational establishment characterised by care and justice.



STUDENT VOICE IN ST LOUIS MONAGHAN

A word from our Head Girls

We want to extend a warm welcome to you as you view our brochure and visit our school on Open Day. Being a "Louis girl" is always something we've taken pride in and we believe that choosing St. Louis Secondary School has truly shaped us into the people we are today, with all of the opportunities on offer here.

We know that the transition from primary to secondary school can be daunting and difficult but we can assure you that here in St Louis Secondary School, everyone does whatever they can to make that transition as easy and as enjoyable as possible. We are delighted to be part of such an inclusive community that places our wellbeing as a number one priority and has enabled us to achieve beyond our own academic expectations. From that first day when we put on our Louis uniforms, we have been proud, happy and content Louis girls. We assure you that there is a warm welcome awaiting you in St Louis Secondary School. To finish up, we would like to give all incoming first years some advice. No matter where you go or what you do in life, always believe in yourself and you will do great things!



Tess Treanor & Isabella Treanor Foritz.

COISTE

Coiste is the student Council in St Louis with students elected from each year group. Coiste provides an opportunity for students to make their voices heard, they meet regularly, organise events for students and work in partnership with school management, teachers and parents for the benefit of the students and St Louis.



Guidance & Counselling in St Louis Guidance In St Louis Secondary School.

Guidance refers to a range of learning experiences in a developmental sequence to assist students to make choices about their lives and how to make transitions consequent to these choices. These learning experiences are delivered through four separate yet interlinked categories which are personal, educational, social and career. In St. Louis Secondary School we are mindful of the demands and challenges facing our students. The Board of Management in recognising this has appointed a counsellor to the school two days per week to help students navigate through difficult times or experiences in their lives. These sessions are free to the students.



What is counselling? Counselling is a type of talk therapy that aims to help students work through any problems or difficulties they may be having in their lives. These difficulties might include stress, anxiety, low mood, grief, relationship problems, friendship issues, family difficulties or school matters. Counselling is a confidential and safe space to hear yourself think out loud about your life, express how you're really feeling and discuss concerns and worries with someone who won't judge you. Students can email the counsellor directly to arrange a session time or speak to any member of staff who will pass your name to the counsellor.

1st Year Settling In Programme & Cairde Friendly Face Programme. All new 1st Year students to St Louis complete a structured settling in programme with their Year head, tutors and HSL teacher. The girls are also paired up to a 'Cairde', a transition year student who will become their check and connect contact throughout the year. The Cairde will be there to provide advice, answer any questions or queries that will arise, help you find your way around and guide you through your first exciting year in St Louis Secondary School.





A DAY IN THE LIFE OF A 1ST YEAR ST. LOUIS GIRL

8:30am
Arrive into school , I meet my friends, catch up on the latest gossip, pack the bag, sort my locker and head to Registration .

8:50am
I meet my tutor for Registration and some well-being, a good start.

9:02am
First class of the day, Music, a chance to show case my talents.

10:00am
Mathematics, test result returned, delighted with my effort and helpful feedback from my teacher about how I can improve.

10:58am
Morning break, I eat my snack and get organised for my next two classes. Since coming to St Louis I enjoy moving from classroom to classroom and the 58 minute classes go by in a blink.

11:18am
PE, another of my favourite subjects!! we go into the gym for Badminton. Great fun altogether, and the matches get a little competitive!

12:16pm
I head to English, creative writing so we are going over to the school library, where there are lots of new books to read and comfy seats!

1:14pm
Lunchtime bell rings and I eat my lunch and pack the bag for the afternoon . My friends and I are going to the Quiz Club, its great fun and we are looking forward to the upcoming Quiz challenge against the other schools.

1:58pm
Home Economics is one of my options and a chance to get into the new kitchen for cooking.

2:56pm
Irish and today we are studying grammar, not my favourite topic but the teacher makes it interesting and I enjoy the group work which helps me to learn.

3:54pm
School is finished and I head for football training on our new pitch, I love Gaelic & Camogie! We play our matches in the Harps, or the Sem There are lots of after school clubs and most team trainings take place after school. My days in St Louis fly by, it is a wonderful school but it's the friends and staff that make it a happy place. I have settled in very well and I am looking forward to tomorrow already.



PROGRAMMES OF STUDY

Junior Cycle Subjects in St Louis

·English · Irish · Maths · Technology · Geography · History · Home Ec · Business · Music · Art · Spanish · French · German · Physical Education ·Digital media studies·Religious Education · SPHE · CSPE. 1st Year students take all subjects for their 1st year, and only have to make a choice between which modern foreign language they choose - Spanish, French or German.



TRANSITION YEAR (TY)

The Transition Year programme in St. Louis has been devised for the enrichment of students' learning experiences, with the purpose of laying a solid foundation for the Leaving Certificate. Each St. Louis Ty student has the opportunity to develop their own skills and talents, and to apply them diligently in a process of independent learning. The St. Louis TY programme promotes education for maturity, with an emphasis on social awareness and social competence. Our TY programme also promotes the general, technical and academic skills, with a particular emphasis on inter-disciplinary and self-directed learning.

TY Modules:

Junk Kouture, Jiving, Development Education, Coding, Enterprise, School Bank, Chinese Language and Culture, Gaisce, First Aid, Survival Home Economics, GAA Youth Leadership, Beauty, Driver Theory and Digital Photography (to name but a few).

Annual Musical 2026/2027 is “Mamma Mia”.
All our TY students play a central role in the production of the musical.

Other key elements of the TY programme:

- Personal development and Wellbeing
- Work Experience and Career Guidance
- Gaisce and JP2 Awards
- Public Speaking and Debating
- Visiting speakers and charity work
- Educational Trips
- Individual and group projects

SENIOR CYCLE LEAVING CERTIFICATE SUBJECTS

TY students can sample a wide range of subjects before making their final choice for the Leaving Cert. Maths, English, Irish Biology, Physics/Chemistry, Agricultural Science, Business, Accounting, History, Geography, Home Economics, Art, Music, French, German, Spanish, LC PE, Religion, SPHE, PE, ICT. With the new Leaving Certificate Students are well supported in a wide range of Additional Coursework components, and perform very well in these assessments.









SPORTS AND EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES IN ST. LOUIS MONAGHAN

In St Louis we firmly believe that extra-curricular activities are an integral part of the school's programs. We encourage all students to take advantage of the opportunities provided to participate in one or more of the extra-curricular activities provided here in St Louis. We firmly believe that through participation in extra-curricular activities young people may gain experiences which will give each and every one of them the opportunity to develop the skills and values needed to become a valued student within the school community.

We believe that participation in a sound extra-curricular program contributes to the development of health and happiness, physical skills, emotional maturity, social competence, and moral values. We believe that a sound extra-curricular program teaches the participants the value of co-operation, as well as the spirit of competition that is important to our society.

Students learn how to work with others for the achievement of group goals and become socially active. We believe that the spirit of fair play and the will to win are valuable to the development of a healthy mind and healthy body.

Every student is encouraged to get involved in school sport and we at St Louis provide both an individual and team sport avenue for all throughout the school year.





EVERYONE plays, EVERYONE gets a turn, EVERYONE tries.
We are not here to develop just the talented, BUT EVERYONE!
In Physical Education, with everybody taking part, EVERYONE WINS!!."









TEACHING & LEARNING IN ST. LOUIS SECONDARY SCHOOL

Leaving Certificate Results 2026

Following in the St Louis tradition our students again obtained exceptional Leaving certificate results, far exceeding the national average in most subjects. All higher level Maths students achieved the all important 25bonus CAO points.
The LC class of 2026 had 4% acheiving over 600 points, 14% achieving over 550 CAO points, 27% over 500 CAO points, 45% over 450 CAO points, 62% over 400CAO points, 77% over 300 CAO points. Well done to our students and we wish them all the very best as they progress on to University and third level.

What does your child need for life in the 21st century?

Problem Solving Skills - Creativity Skills - Collaboration Skills - Communication Skills - Content Understanding- 'it's not enough to just know it- you need to be able to use it'.

How do we teach our students in St. Louis?

We focus on the Learning- 'What are they learning'?
We focus on clarity- 'how clear can we make the learning for our students'?
We focus on how to improve- 'individual advice and assistance'
We focus on developing understanding- 'using strategies to develop meaningful discussion and engagement'
We focus on developing student responsibility- 'using strategies that empower students and foster student ownership of their learning'



Every girl is Different-Every girl is Unique

We pitch our teaching so that every student can have a go.
We support every student with individualised formative feedback- 'what you did well, what you could improve, and how can you improve'. We add extra challenges to engage your child.

How do we achieve high quality teaching & learning at St. Louis?

School Self Evaluation- 'an annual systematic investigation of what we are doing well and how we can improve our teaching and learning' Staff & Subject Meetings - 'learning and teaching is top of the agenda at our meetings'
Teaching & Learning Team - 'specialised team of teachers who explore new initiatives in education'
Droichead- 'we mentor our younger teachers'
TL21- We meet with teachers from other schools to help develop our own professional practice.
Working Closely with External Expertise- 'including the Inspectorate & Oide.



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