ST. PATRICK'S CLASSICAL SCHOOL

STUDENT COUNCIL

Student Council Constitution

The aims of The Student Council are to:

- Encourage students to act in a democratic manner by giving responsibility and empowerment to those selected on the Student Council.
- Foster a spirit of co-operation for the whole school community.
- Provide a forum for students to voice concerns, discuss interests and make Suggestions with a view to improving the school community.
- Liaise with the student body, the Staff, Board of Management and Parents' Association.

The Functions of the Student Council are:

- Provide students with a forum in which to voice their opinions and to encourage them to take an active role in school life Provide support for extra-curricular activities
- Provide opportunities for fundraising for school facilities and a Local Charity.
- Identify and acknowledge problems in the school environment and to discuss appropriate action for change and/or improvement
- Encourage students to contribute to the school's local community
- Liaise with school authorities on a variety of issues such as: Student Welfare, Uniform, Resources, Extra-curricular activities & Facilities

Code of Behaviour

- Student Council shall operate in a non judgemental manner respecting confidentiality, employing constructive discussion and reaching decisions through consensus
- Members shall respect and recognise the rights and responsibilities of individual students, staff and school community.
- Meetings are to remain free of discussion of individual parents, teachers, students, board members, and school community.
- Council members will focus on school issues and on what is best for the students and the whole school community.
- The Staff Liaison Teacher is free to intervene and stop any discussion if these conditions are broken.

- A Liaison Teacher will be present at all meetings. She should ensure that proper meetings procedure is adopted, particularly in the case of a new council. However, in so far as possible, the Council members should run their own affairs entirely on their own initiative. The primary purpose of the Liaison Teacher should be to advise and act as a mediator.

Student Council Rules

- Each Council runs for the duration of each school year.
- The Student Council will meet at a time that suits the school timetable and at a regular time to suit the requirement of the commitments undertaken by the Student Council.
- All issues for inclusion in the agenda must be submitted via the Suggestion box for all students in the school to submit suggestions for the agenda for the following meeting. All suggestions must be signed by the person submitting them and must be for the good of ALL in the school community.
- The Chairperson and Secretary will draw up the agenda and it will be circulated to council members at the meeting.
- The Chairperson must run the meeting in a fair and effective manner
- Students must speak through the Chairperson
- Members should voice their class / year views
- Speakers must not be interrupted
- All records/ minutes of decisions of the Council must be taken and recorded by the Secretary.
- Records of persons attending each Council meeting must be recorded.
- Decisions made at Council meetings must be posted on the Student Council Noticeboard.
- Council members represent the student body and are expected to conduct themselves in a way that will not bring the Student Council into disrepute. The Council reserves the right to suspend the membership of any member whose conduct damages the reputation of the Student Council
- A vote must be held regarding any changes to this constitution. Proposed changes to this constitution must be approved in advance by the Principal and Board of Management.

Election to Student Council

Composition of Council

1. Each year should be represented on the Student Council

2. Students must vote for a student candidate from their own class/year.

3. Each student has one vote

4. All students are eligible to vote

2. Election information may be broadcast on the intercom system, at year assemblies and on school notice boards

3. The nominees' names are to be published. Nominees can canvas for votes within their year.

Running the Election

1. Permission to run the election must be sought from the Principal or Deputy Principal

2. Voting must be by secret ballot and take place at a time that suits the school timetable.

3. A committee of students approved by the Liaison Teacher will be formed to assist in the counting of the votes, which will take place immediately afterward the election.

Term of Office

The elected student's term of office begins immediately following the publication of the results of the election for a period of one year.

Results

Elected members will be published as soon as possible after the elections.

Student Council Officers for 2026/27

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** Chairperson - Oshan Varney

** Secretary – Cian Bowens

** Treasurer - Ciaran Reilly

** PRO - Kyle Jao

The Chairperson

- Is the chief spokesperson and officer of the Student Council
- Calls meeting
- Draws up the agenda for each meeting with the Secretary.
- Chairs meetings in a fair manner, ensuring that all have an equal say
- Signs any letters, notices etc, that are issued by the Student Council
- Liaises with school authorities
- Ensures that the Student Council is run effectively and efficiently

The Secretary

- Takes the minutes at meetings and writes them up
- Distributes/reads out the minutes from previous meetings
- Makes progress reports, keeps records of all work being carried out which should be posted on the Student Council Notice Board.
- Take a roll of members and teachers present at meeting

The Treasurer

- Keeps financial records in order and reports to the Student Council on the current financial status of the Council
- Pays bills and controls petty cash
- Provide a financial report to the Council at the last council meeting of the

- election year.
- Consult on behalf of School Council with management, staff and parents in respect of planned fund raising activities

PRO

- Is responsible for all communication of the Student Council
- Design of the Student Council Noticeboard.
- Design of the Student Council Suggestion Box.

The Board of Management approves and ratifies the School Policy annually.

Signed:  Signed: 

Fr. Gerry Stuart	Mr. Harry Mc Garry
Chairperson of Board of Management	Principal/Secretary to the Board of Management
Date: 16-11-2026.	Date: 16-11-2026.