



PERSONAL GROWTH

Developmental Indicators

- becoming more assured and confident about themselves as a person
- taking greater care of the health and wellbeing of themselves and others
- setting and reviewing goals for personal development and achievement
- having greater capacity to negotiate ethical dilemmas and reflect on personal values
- knowing how to make more informed decisions
- persevering longer with tasks, especially when challenging
- coming to see challenges as further opportunities for growth
- adapting better to groups and new social environments
- interacting with others with more empathy, both in person and online
- increasingly taking ownership of their own behaviours and decisions
- showing more initiative and leadership in school, at home and in the community

Student Experiences

- collaborative projects, competitions, activities over the year to achieve collective goals
- individual tasks and projects, involving digital and non-digital skills to enable self-expression
- guided creation of a portfolio that captures their personal growth
- education and guidance in personal and emotional development and social awareness
- activities and experiences promoting lifelong physical and emotional health
- opportunities for guided reflection and review of personal goals
- formal and informal opportunities to speak and present in class, in public and in interviews
- recognition of personal growth and personal challenges in all aspects of school life during the year



BEING A LEARNER

Developmental Indicators

- being more motivated to learn and seeing education as worthwhile and enjoyable
- setting learning goals and reviewing them regularly
- becoming more skilled with digital technologies, both as a user and a creator
- exploring their own personal interests
- having a greater appreciation of lifelong learning
- being more willing to learn from mistakes and expand their comfort zone
- acquiring more knowledge and skills relevant to senior cycle
- seeing the importance of feedback and placing more value on it
- increasing their capacity for independent and self-regulated learning
- being more open to trying a range of learning strategies
- broadening their communication and presentation skills
- expressing their own ideas more clearly while engaging with other people's ideas.

Student Experiences

- continuity subjects and sampling of subjects with learning designed to develop senior cycle key competencies
- a variety of pedagogies consistent with realising the aims of the Programme Statement and supporting developmental indicators for all students
- meaningful learning opportunities that incorporate student input
- opportunities to build on student learning in the transition from junior to senior cycle
- assessment of their learning and development through a variety of forms such as teacher, peer, and self-assessment, and for formative and summative purposes
- recognition of achievement across all areas of the curriculum
- guided creation of a portfolio that captures development of the student, and their progress as a learner
- a range of individual and team projects, competitions, activities over the year that are manageable and appropriately challenging



CIVIC AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Developmental Indicators

- sustaining more caring and respectful relationships with people, place and nature
- having a greater appreciation and respect for human dignity and diversity
- deepening their awareness and sense of empathy, identity and belonging
- recognising and engaging with complexity and uncertainty
- taking actions to live more sustainably
- showing more initiative in their schools, communities, and society
- setting and reviewing goals for being an active citizen
- working more co-operatively with others and in teams
- becoming more involved with creative and cultural activities
- wanting to contribute to a more just world
- understanding better the interconnections of local, national, and global communities.

Student Experiences

- working with local or national organisations and businesses over the year
- opportunities to volunteer through community work and social placement
- education on sustainable development, including a meaningful action for a more sustainable world
- sharing of knowledge and skills within the school community and among community stakeholders
- guided creation of a portfolio that captures their civic and community engagement
- projects, competitions, activities in the classroom, in school, at home, in local communities and in society
- meaningful involvement with shaping school culture
- learning opportunities around empathy, diversity, and inclusion



CAREER EXPLORATION

Developmental Indicators

- being more informed on the links between education and career opportunities
- increasing their awareness of personal interests, aptitudes, values, and dispositions
- identifying and reviewing career-related goals more regularly
- having a greater capacity to research and critically reflect upon career pathways
- acquiring more vocational, organisational and communication skills
- learning how to generate ideas and turn ideas into action
- improving their workplace knowledge and behaviours through first-hand experience
- having more awareness of the world of work and enterprise

Student Experiences

- work placements during the year
- guided reflective tasks on their experiences and placements in TY
- subjects and modules on the senior cycle curriculum that link to a range of future pathways
- career guidance and classroom support on a range of future pathways
- guided creation of a portfolio capturing their reflections on career exploration
- a variety of learning opportunities that improve practical and vocational skills
- access to career-related events or learning environments
- guest speakers from a diversity of backgrounds and careers
- short, certified courses or micro-credentials