

ROCKWELL COLLEGE

Cashel, Co. Tipperary



Rockwell College is a secondary school run by the Holy Ghost Fathers since 1864. The aim of the school is to equip young students with the necessary academic, social, cultural and spiritual background required for life in the Nineties and beyond. While the College is justifiably proud of its long heritage and tradition, it nonetheless continues to adapt itself to the educational requirements of a rapidly changing world.

The school programme is geared to cultivate in the students an attitude of respect for oneself and for others through the sympathetic and intelligent nurturing of sound principles. This programme includes a multiplicity of genuine learning situations (class-work, cultural activities, sport etc.) in which each student can find his/her own level and gradually develop into a well-balanced, trustworthy and informed person, possessing independence and initiative. The school boasts all modern facilities, including some for specific subjects such as a computer room, a library of over 5,000 volumes, recreational reading rooms, project rooms and medical surgery.

Over 100 acres of Rockwell's extensive grounds are laid out specifically for recreational purposes - playing fields, tennis courts, gymnasium, swimming pool, pony-trekking trail, a nine-hole golf course and a 22-acre lake, which provides safe canoeing facilities. Sports available to all (under the supervision of qualified instructors) include; rugby, hurling, Gaelic football, soccer, basketball, horse-riding, canoeing, track and field athletics, cross country, tennis, badminton, table-tennis and swimming. Those with particular interests and talents for music, Art Crafts, Drama and debating are encouraged to express and develop their talents.

*Code: IREBS/IREPS
Elite Coed Day & Boarding*

Location

South Midlands

School Type

Coed, Boarding & Homestay

Denomination

Catholic (Accepts all)

Size

450 Students (300 boys/150 girls)

180 Boarders (150 boys/30 girls)

42 Teachers

25 Average Class Size

The curriculum is that which is laid down by the Irish Department of Education for the Junior and Leaving Certificate examinations. Subjects offered include the following:

Junior Cycle: Irish, English, Mathematics, History, Geography, Business Studies, French, German, Spanish, Science, Art, Technical Drawing, Music, and Computer Studies.

Senior Cycle: Irish, English, Mathematics, History, Geography, Physics, Chemistry, Biology, Business Organisation, Accounting, Economics, French, Spanish, and German.

Boarding School Facilities

Average Size of Dorms (No. of Beds Per Dorm)

◇ 1st Year	6	4th Year	2/3
◇ 2nd Year	6	5th Year	2/3
◇ 3rd Year	2/3	6th Year	Single

NB: Girls are NOT accommodated in the school, but in local host families organised by the school and attend therefore as Day Boarders – taking all of their meals etc in school

Facilities Specific to Boarders

- ◇ TV/Video
- ◇ Pool
- ◇ Table Tennis
- ◇ Wide-Screen TV/Video
- ◇ Common Rooms

Co. Tipperary

Tipperary, a county of Ireland, province of Munster is bounded by counties Kilkenny, Waterford, Cork, and Limerick, Clare, and Galway; The lands of Tipperary have always been ranked amongst the most productive in Ireland. It has, however, been always a great grazing county. It has also extensive tracks of bog and mountain. The high hills adjoining Limerick are called the Keepe mountains. In this district are lead and copper mines; and some parts of it afford fine mill-stones.

The town of Cashel (meaning castle or fortress) in County Tipperary is home to one of Ireland's great historical sites - the Rock of Cashel. Towering over the town from its perch on a 200-foot high outcrop of limestone, the Rock was once the seat of the Kings of Munster. It was visited by St. Patrick in 450 and Brian Boru was crowned King of Ireland here in the 10th century.

Today the impressive stone walls enclose a round tower, the cathedral, a 12th century Romanesque chapel,



high crosses and other structures.

The gothic cathedral dates back to the 13th century and includes a central square tower and living quarters. The steps of the tower lead to the summit roof walk. The smaller structure of Cormac's Chapel displays some typical Romanesque features while the Hall of the Vicar's Choral at the entrance to the Rock is a 15th century house which has been recently restored. Here you will find a museum with guided tours and interesting exhibits, including silverware and St. Patrick's Cross.

