

# Principals Welcome

Welcome to Good Counsel College...or "The Counsel" as many of you know and call it! It gives me great pleasure to welcome you to our web site. I hope you find it interesting whether you are a present or a past pupil, a present or a past parent or guardian, or indeed a present or a past teacher. I welcome also those of you who have simply happened across this site and equally hope you will find our school and what goes on here of interest to you.

As an educational community we strive to embody the values of unity, truth and love in our everyday interactions. We gather these ideals from Saint Augustine, the founder of the Order of Saint Augustine, the [Augustinians](#), who founded and still run the school. We share these ideals with Augustinian schools all over the world and especially with our sister school, [Saint Augustine's College](#) in Dungarvan, Co. Waterford.

Our school of nearly eight hundred and fifty students is built to reflect our ideals. As you will see here we are a small campus with many buildings all serving the community which is Good Counsel. As well as classroom blocks named after our Saints, Cascia (Saint Rita), Villa Nova (Saint Thomas) we have a beautiful Church at the heart of our little village. The Augustinian Community is resident here too having recently moved from the heart of New Ross! Our marvelous Sports Centre is named after a former principal, Fr John Cosgrave OSA (RIP) and we have a further Centre dedicated to the core activity of our school, Pastoral Care, which is named after another former principal Fr Jackie Power OSA.

We are a living and vibrant community and the campus regularly extends to cater for new needs and local groups. Just look at our all-weather pitches next to the Sports Centre as evidence of that. Other building projects just completed include Ostia our ASD Unit along with our new DCG Room, Technology Room and

additional classroom accommodation.

But buildings tell so little of our story. The life blood of the community are the students and staff who collaborate here every day...what can they do? What do they do? Read on...

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mark O'Brien'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name 'Mark' and the last name 'O'Brien' clearly distinguishable.

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