



ALEXANDRA COLLEGE
DUBLIN



Key features

- Five-day and seven-day options to suit; five-day boarders may stay in for weekends by arrangement
- Day girls welcome to board for a few days or weeks with short-term flexi boarding
- Secure campus provides excellent safety
- Central location within easy reach of city and country for trips
- Good supervision and daily routines, with experienced residence staff
- Excellent caterers and varied menus
- Full participation in sport, music and drama
- Weekend outings include outdoor walks, museum visits and cinema and shopping trips
- Transition year made easy, including work experience and community care arrangements
- No commuting for 'local' boarders from the greater Dublin area and surrounding counties
- Boarder parents are very welcome to join school committees and the parents' association.

Boarding

As a boarder, you have a wonderful opportunity to experience wide cultural diversity and to form friendships that will last a lifetime. We want you to enjoy your time in residence and to feel you are part of a larger family. This is your home during term time and it is where we want you to be happy, comfortable and secure.

Alexandra College offers seven-day boarding, five-day boarding and short-term "flexi-boarding" to senior school students, and one in four students chooses to board with us. They comprise girls from Ireland and from countries in Europe, Africa, Asia and the Americas.

Our two boarding houses have been a central part of life at Alexandra for many years: Residence is for girls up to 5th year and Jellicoe is our 6th year house. There are up to six girls in each dormitory in Residence, and up to four in each in Jellicoe. We plan to improve facilities in Jellicoe, including the provision of single bedrooms, as we believe that 6th year boarders need their own space to encourage their growing independence as they prepare to step out into the world.

In the afternoons, boarders are free to enjoy all that the College has to offer: including music, sport, drama, the company of friends or chatting on the phone to parents. Eating well and enjoying food as a social activity are important aspects of college life. Our caterers provide a broad range of interesting food every day, including Irish, international and vegetarian fare. They welcome feedback from the girls on what they enjoy most. After supper, boarders have supervised prep each evening, with time to relax before going to bed.

At weekends, boarders enjoy cultural and social outings and relaxation time so that Saturdays and Sundays are special, just as they would be at home. Girls attend the church of their denomination on Sunday mornings.

Our residence staff are very experienced at looking after and supporting the girls they care for. They understand that it is perfectly natural for students to become homesick from time to time and they do all they can to ensure that students feel happy and settled. They provide counselling care, medical care and faith care through our pastor. The students themselves play a large part as role models and friends who provide a support network for each other. We ensure that bullying and victimisation are not tolerated as having any place in College life.

Alexandra boarders are supported and encouraged to explore and develop in a safe environment that seeks to nurture independence, respect and a well-rounded personality. Living with others encourages understanding and fosters mutual respect for individuality.

