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***Application for St Mary's CBS
From Each Their Best Scholarship***

Application deadline: May 1st 2026 @ 1pm

Exam date/time to be decided

Candidate's Details:

Surname: _____ First Name: _____

Address: _____

Date of birth: _____

Primary School Name & Address: _____

Primary School Principal: _____ Phone: _____

Mother/Guardian Details:

Father/Guardian Details:

Name: _____

Phone Day: _____

Phone Evening: _____

Email: _____

Sporting Details and Achievements:

Details of Applicant's sporting achievements / regular sporting activities to date:



(Additional information can be added on an attached page)

Successful applicants should be able to prove that they have achieved representation in at least one sport:

Sports Involved in (Please list in priority form) and standard reached (School, club, district, county, regional, national)

Name of sporting reference: _____

Telephone contact: _____

I wish to have my son sit the From Each Their Best Scholarship Exam at St Mary's CBS. I agree to abide by the regulations governing its administration, which I have read.

Signed: _____ Parent/Guardian Date: _____

The Scholarship Examination will be held during the week of May 5th 2025. In view of the many sporting and Communion which take place during May each year, we will try to find a date and time which avoids those. Date & time to be texted to parents/guardians in advance.

Please email any queries to Ms Brady abrady@portlaoiseCBS.com , our Scholarship Coordinator.

Office Use Only:

Applicant Number:

Date Received:



St Mary's CBS Portlaoise

The following terms and conditions will apply to the Scholarship Award Scheme:

1. The scholarships will be awarded to two incoming students for their First Year of secondary school studies at St Mary's CBS, subject to conditions.
2. The criteria for the *From Each His Best Scholarship Award* are a combination of:
 - high academic ability
 - exceptional sports skills The two students who best demonstrate both will be selected.
3. While the scholarship applicants may be considered under specific category headings, all scholarships relate primarily to academic ability, i.e. if a tie exists between 2 or more students in their sporting ability and achievements it will be decided by the highest exam result.
4. The 2 Scholarship Recipients will receive an iPad & Deqster Keyboard (worth €608).
5. The school reserves the right to alter the number of awards made or not to make an award, from year to year. Scholarships are awarded based on an application, an assessment of their ability at sports and an academic exam. The Scholarship Committee may seek back-up documentation to confirm any information provided. The sports coach whose phone number is provided will be contacted. The school reserves the right to conduct the academic tests as appropriate. A letter of recommendation from the primary school principal may also be sought.
6. A parent wishing to apply on their son's behalf must complete an Application Form and return it to the Scholarship Committee of St Mary's CBS together with a **recent photograph** of the student.
7. Applications will be submitted by May 1st. Your application will be acknowledged by text. The **Scholarship Examination** will take place during the week of May 5th. Texts will be sent to all parents/guardians of applicants in advance, with date & time.
 - Candidates should arrive to register 15 minutes early.
 - The Examination will take 2 hours in total.
 - Candidates will have a break during the exam.
 - The Examination comprises two papers:
 - Mathematics
 - English (Comprehension)



8. Review of Applications and Assessments will take place and scholarships will be offered during May 2025. The Scholarship Committee will endeavour to make fair decisions based on the criteria outlined in this document. The Scholarship Committee's decisions are final, and the committee cannot enter into correspondence or discussion regarding its decisions.
9. All scholarships are awarded in accordance with the procedure outlined above. Scholarship holders are expected to perform in accordance with their academic ability, to become involved with their chosen sport and to uphold the standards of the school, as with any other St Mary's CBS student. Any substantial departure from these standards will be considered in each termly review of scholarships by the Scholarship Committee and may lead to a curtailment or removal of the scholarship award for subsequent terms. Applicants are encouraged to review the values and philosophy of Edmund Rice Schools before making an application.
10. If a recipient does not take up his place here in September 2025, the cost of the iPad must be returned as soon as possible.

Awards are made at the discretion of the Scholarship Committee and all decisions made by the Scholarship Committee are final. (Mr J Walsh, Scholarship Coordinator, Ms Maura Murphy Principal and Mr ~~B Thompson DP~~)