



Iontaobhas Scoileanna Éamainn Rís  
Edmund Rice Schools Trust

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# “The seed will grow”

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(Blessed Edmund Rice 1762 – 1844)

*The Edmund Rice Schools Trust is the new lay trust which was given responsibility for the 97 schools formerly under the trusteeship of the Christian Brothers in Ireland.*

We are currently Trustees / Patron to 37 Primary schools and 60 Secondary schools.



We are a registered charity and hold our schools in trust so that they may continue to provide Catholic education in the spirit of Edmund Rice into the future.

Our values are detailed in our Charter which is a document that states the religious and education philosophy of our schools.

## **Inclusive and diverse**

*The schools in our network are inspired by the vision of Edmund Rice which embrace the values of pluralism, multiculturalism, inclusion and cooperation as set out in the Edmund Rice Schools Trust Charter.*

We are part of a long tradition of providing for the educational needs of local communities ranging from rural to inner city schools. Edmund Rice schools are both inclusive in their approach and respectful of diversity as evidenced by current school enrolments and the long-standing involvement of parents in our schools. The Edmund Rice School welcomes students of different Christian denominations and other religious faiths. It encourages them to grow in their own faith and religious practice while at the same time respecting the distinctive Catholic ethos of the school.

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*As Trustees we appoint and nominate Boards of Management to run our schools. We help these Boards through training and a rolling programme of advice and support.*

*We also advise and support the Principals in our schools and offer training and induction courses for Deputy Principals and teaching staff.*

*As Trustees, we are committed to providing resources and programmes that help to support ethos and governance in our schools.*

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## **Edmund Rice Schools Trust Charter**

*The five key elements of our Charter underpin our Edmund Rice schools;*

- 1 / Nurturing faith, Christian spirituality and Gospel-based values.
- 2 / Promoting partnership in the school community.
- 3 / Excelling in teaching and learning.
- 4 / Creating a caring school community.
- 5 / Inspiring transformational leadership.

## The role of parents in our schools

*The role of parents in the education of their children is a major element in the Education Act of 1998.*

Our schools have had Parents' Councils for many years and they play a significant role in the life of the school. All parents are invited and encouraged to attend meetings organised by the Council, as the most effective way of keeping themselves informed of developments in education generally, and in the school in particular.



### Edmund Rice

Blessed Edmund Rice founded his first school in 1802 in Waterford. Since then his followers have founded schools on all five continents of the world. The schools are all diverse in nature and range from single sex schools to co-educational and include pre-school, primary and secondary.

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