

## **The Annual PA Subscription**

All parents and legal guardians of pupils attending St. Columba's College are automatically enrolled as members of the Parents' Association (PA) and are encouraged to get actively involved in the College community. The PA is run by a volunteer committee made up of parents from across all year groups and is mainly funded by families' annual PA subscriptions and earnings from the second-hand uniform shop. The PA subscription per family will be determined at the PA AGM each year, in consultation with the College Board of Management, and this will be included annually in the College fee account.

### **How much is the current PA annual membership subscription fees?**

The current PA annual membership subscription fee is €35 per family, a figure, approved by the PA AGM held in 2024 and accepted by the College Board of Management. The annual PA subscription fees are described as "PA Levy" in the invoice for the second half year's term.

### **How is the PA Levy money spent?**

The PA Levy funds (and earnings from the second-hand uniform shop) are redistributed back to the College community.

The main aim of use of the funds is to help enhance Pupils' College experience. The funds are also used to offset costs of social events for parents, such as the annual get-together in September and coffee mornings held twice each term.

The more significant uses of PA Levy funds have included:

- Contribution to the development of Sensory Room for SEN pupils
- Contribution to the Student Council
- Provision of art equipment to the art room
- Contribution to the Leavers' gifts

The support agenda in 2025 is equally ambitious, aiming to provide equipment to each houses' common room while again contributing to Leavers' gift

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