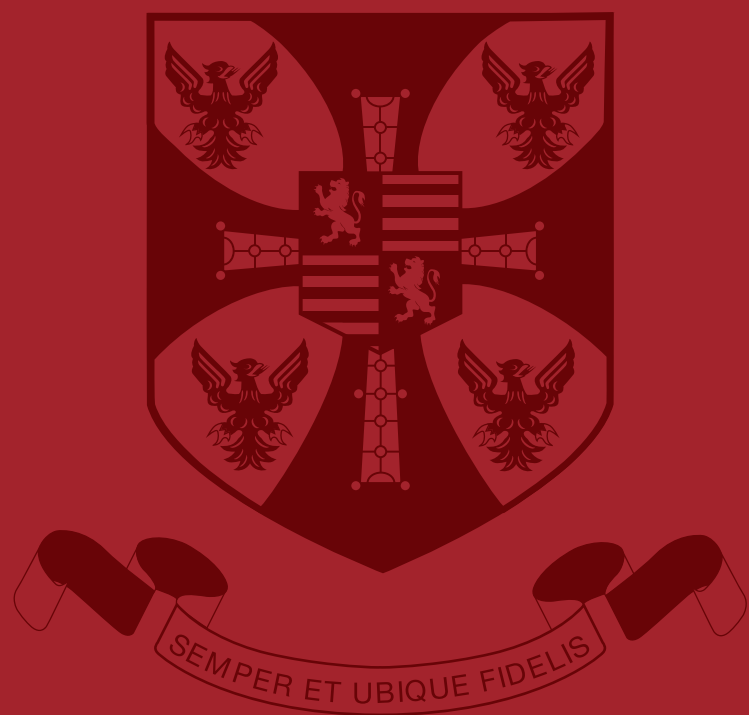


# Building for Tomorrow



**GONZAGA  
COLLEGE SJ**



For the greater  
glory of God



# Headmaster's foreword

The Gonzaga College SJ community are very grateful to have inherited our current facilities due to the foresight, energy and generosity of the Gonzaga family in previous decades. It is now our turn to create an exciting legacy for the future which will ensure that our facilities remain state of the art for the next decades of the College's educational journey.

Our Building for Tomorrow campaign is multi-faceted and includes not only capital development in the College but also the development and security of the Fr. John Sullivan Access Programme. This bursary programme makes a very definite statement about Gonzaga College SJ and our ethos - it reflects all that is good about our commitment to our faith and to social justice.

Our capital plans encompass all areas of school life; firstly, the delivery of an astro-turf playing surface which we were delighted to bring on-stream at the start

of the 2020 academic year just as the Covid pandemic forced all our sport outside. It has been a transformational space for sport in the College.

We are now looking to the school's physical infrastructure. We hope shortly to invest in a new science, maths and technology building. This will create learning and teaching spaces which will inspire current and future students to develop a passion for STEM subjects and, we hope, continue and augment the very proud tradition of students studying these subjects at university and contributing to medicine and research to better all our lives. That enthusiasm is caught in school, and we owe it to our students to provide them with the very best learning environment possible.

We are also planning a Learning and Teaching hub which will reflect the changes in our pedagogical understanding. Teaching spaces across



the world are changing. The imparting of knowledge, although still hugely important, is being complemented by the development of skills which will make our students life-long learners, each of whom has the ability to reinvent themselves continuously in our fast-paced and ever-changing world.

It is becoming a truth of modern education that developing students' creative skills is highly significant for their overall human development. As a College, we have a history of nurturing creativity as evidenced by the significant numbers of our past pupils working and thriving in the Irish and international arts scene. This creativity is important in whatever areas they wish to study in the future be that arts, science, IT or business. A developing of students' creativity is the first step to creating the entrepreneurs of the future. It is a key part in building every student's self-confidence.

So, with this in mind, the last phase in our Building for Tomorrow development campaign is the delivery of a new arts block with state-of-the-art teaching and practice spaces for visual art, music and drama enabling us to build on our very significant strengths in these areas.

Our plans are characteristically ambitious, but we have the confidence that we can deliver. The generosity of our community and our decades-long track record of delivering capital investment speaks for itself. However, we must always remember that we are not investing in buildings, we are investing in people, in our common future, in wider horizons.

**Damon McCaul**  
Headmaster



# Transforming & inspiring



Future planning and strategic capital development ensure Gonzaga students benefit from a high standard of facilities which enables them to fulfil their greatest potential.

This Jesuit ethos of striving for 'greater' is what drives development in Gonzaga, promoting the culture of philanthropy that is so deeply embedded in Jesuit education. We are fortunate that our community of parents and alumni are cognisant of the impact of philanthropy in education and take pride in the fact many of our alumni have been responsible for creating positive change in society through their generosity.

In 2017 we were humbled by the completion of the Campaign for Excellence which provided our new theatre, library, refurbished science block, IT suite, classrooms and dining hall which students benefit from each day. In 2021 we delivered the Astro pitch which has transformed the training and competitive

experience for rugby but also for general PE classes and other sports which are benefitting hugely from this wonderful new facility.

All our existing facilities would not have been possible without the ambition and generosity over many years of our parents, past pupils and the Jesuit community.

Building for Tomorrow, our current campaign, continues this tradition of developing the environment and experience at Gonzaga College and incorporates the following projects:

- Fr. Sullivan Access Programme Bursary
- Centre for Science, Maths and Technology
- Centre for interactive Teaching and Learning
- Centre for Music, Arts and Drama

Now, as always, we are seeking to deliver the Magis for you and your son.



# A Faith that does Justice

## The Fr. John Sullivan SJ Access Programme

### Why is an Access Programme so important to Gonzaga College SJ?

A significant tenet of our Jesuit ethos and tradition is that we teach a faith that does justice and, in this context, we feel the access programme and the tangible experience of social and cultural diversity will continue to enrich the school community in a most positive way.

The current goal is to provide four Access bursaries each year and to assess and review this number as the programme develops. We are very pleased to currently have 17 students participating in the programme and our aim is to grow this number to between 8-10% of our student intake each year.

The John Sullivan Access Programme is of course costly to deliver. International best practice has shown that to ensure that programmes like this become an enduring feature of the College, it is necessary to build an endowment.

This fund will generate a stream of income to fund student participation in the programme. To achieve our goal of having 10% of the students on this programme we will need to develop a fund of €7 million which will be gradually accumulated over the years, and we are delighted to already have just over €2 million pledged towards our goal.



### Why is the Programme named after Fr. John Sullivan SJ?

Fr. Sullivan SJ was an Irish Jesuit priest who died in 1933. He was beatified in Dublin in 2017 in recognition of a life dedicated to working with the poor and the sick.

We chose to create the access programme in his name, in honour of his many personal sacrifices.

Cardinal Angelo Amato, representing Pope Francis, declared Fr. John Sullivan Blessed at a beatification ceremony on Saturday 13 May 2017 in St. Francis Xavier's Church, Gardiner Street, Dublin.





# Building for tomorrow



## Campus 2030

Our Building for Tomorrow campaign is boldly future-focused while also strongly rooted in the quest for excellence so integral to our Jesuit identity.

In the decade leading to our 80th anniversary in 2030, we seek nothing less than to reimagine our campus to meet tomorrow's needs, thereby:

- Enriching our student experience
- Promoting diversity and inclusion
- Creating a unique template for education in Ireland



# Campaign overview

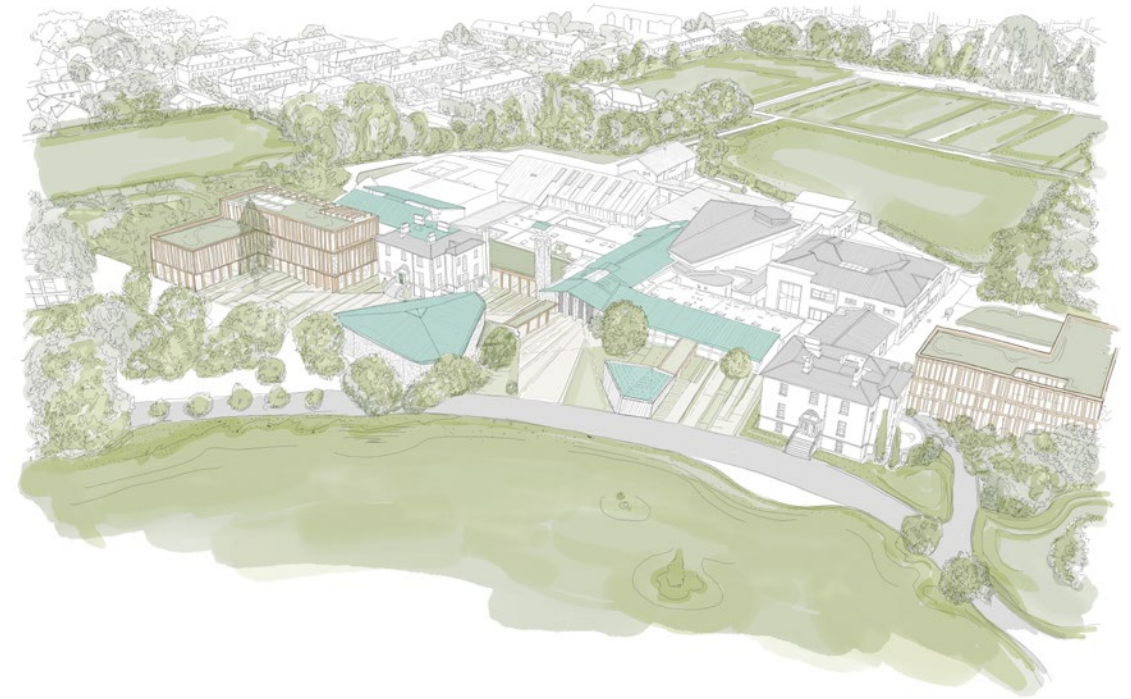
**Delivery of new 3G pitch.** This exceptional facility, which cost €800,000 was delivered in August 2020 and is ensuring our talented athletes can now compete on a par with other schools. The 3G surface and floodlighting enable students to play matches and train on the darkest and wettest of winter evenings which extends the opportunity for sport in a transformative way. Our inaugural Senior Cup Rugby win in 2023 is a testament to this investment.

**Establishment of fund security for the Fr. John Sullivan SJ Access Programme.** This Programme provides access to students deemed to benefit from an education at Gonzaga but who would otherwise be prevented from access due to a lack of means.

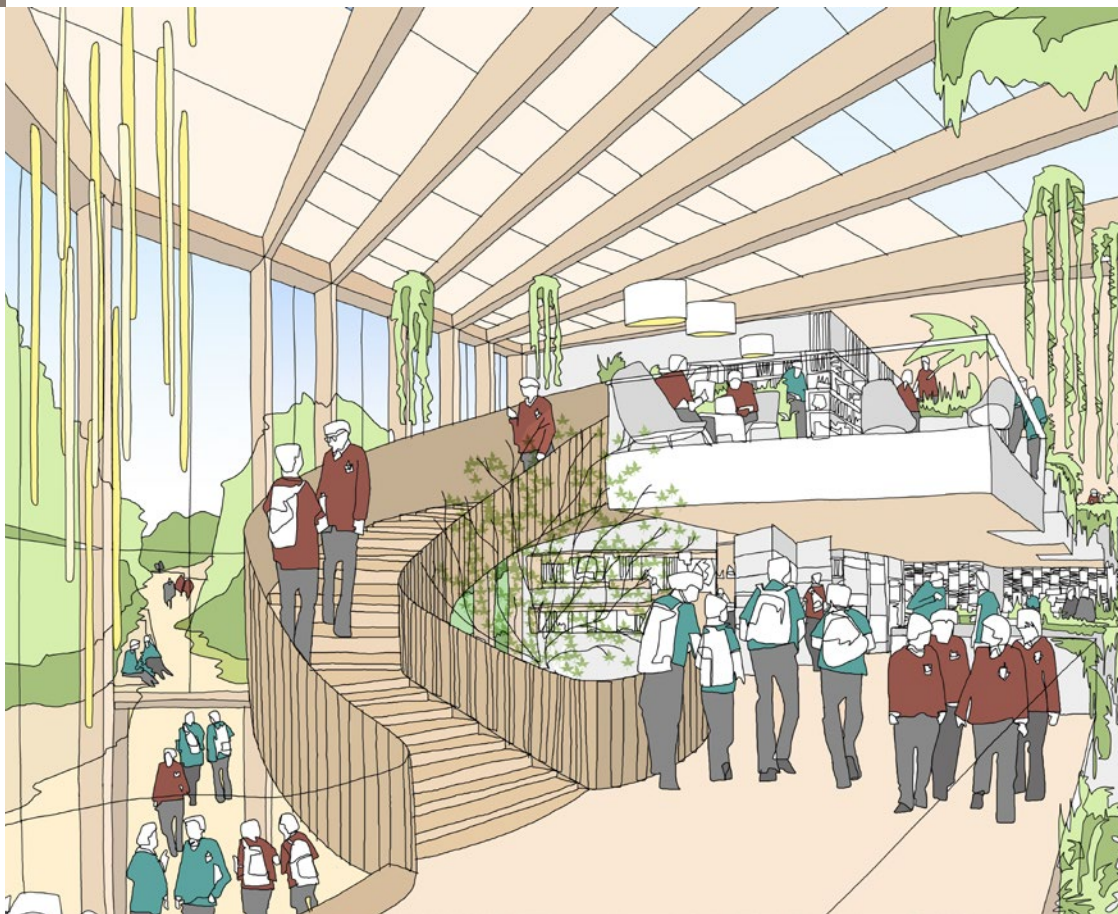
**A new fit for purpose Science, Maths & Technology (STEM) centre** which reflects the excellence of teaching and academic success in these areas.

**An Interactive Teaching & Learning Hub,** providing two new floors of collaborative, multi-media spaces to stimulate students to grow in a challenging, open and innovative school environment. International educational best practice shows classroom-only experiences are evolving to more enriching and learner-friendly environments.

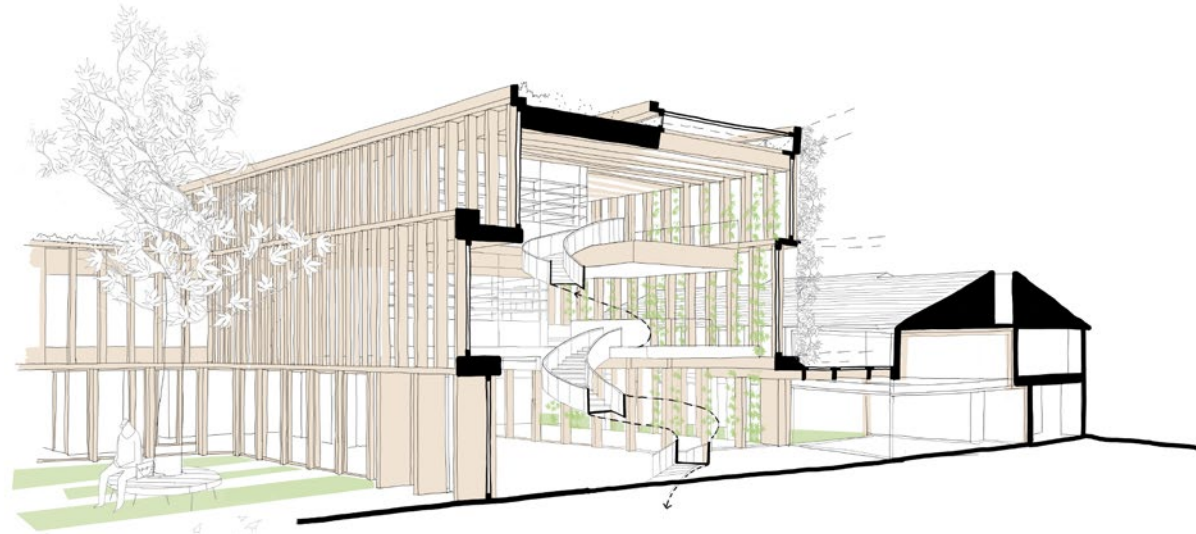
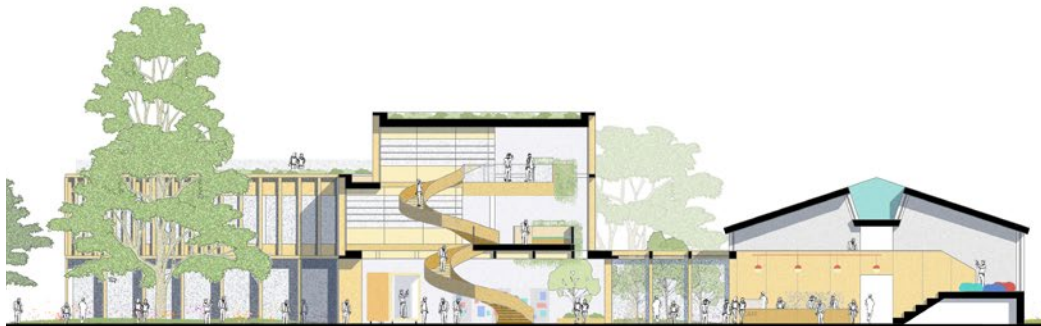
**A new centre for the Arts** which will include soundproofed rehearsal spaces and studio facilities for music and the visual arts. Gonzaga has a long history of excellence in the Arts and we recognise the need to provide an exceptional facility for our talented students and their teachers to continue to achieve their potential.



The biophilic design of the entrance and the atrium ensures that the building promotes health and well-being, reduces stress, and enhances creativity and productivity.









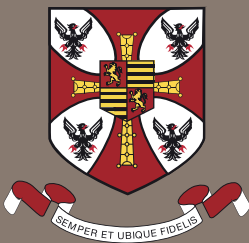
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# A network of support

We make every effort to encourage everyone in the Gonzaga community to participate in College development. We meet new parents in the first few months of their journey to share our plans in greater detail and to discuss our hopes for, and the prospect of, their involvement in line with our shared Jesuit values.

Additionally, we actively engage with our network of alumni to strengthen our connections, share updates on our College development plans and to seek support where appropriate.





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