

**HOUSE
SHEPPARD**



**NON DUCOR DUCO
I AM NOT LED I LEAD**

House Origins

In September 1939, on Clyde Road, Bernard Sheppard founded St. Conleth's College. Mr. Sheppard invoked the spirit of St. Conleth in laying the foundations of a school that would combine the traditional Irish Christian love of learning with a modern 'whole child' philosophy.

Bernard's daughter, Ann Sheppard, took on the work of her father and led St. Conleth's into a new millennium, expanding both our physical presence and our mission, so that now, St. Conleth's is 'moulding' the best possible young men and women.

Mission Statement

At the heart of House Sheppard lies a commitment to nurturing the individual talents and qualities of its students. We aspire to empower students to become leaders, not just in their pursuits, but in their character. House Sheppard believes in the power of integrity, where your word is your bond, and honesty is the path you tread. We promote respect and inclusion, ensuring that every member of the community is treated with the dignity and kindness they deserve.

Through these personal values, we aim to ignite a spark within each student, molding them into responsible, compassionate citizens who leave an indelible mark on their community and the world. This is about each student's journey, their personal growth and well-being, and their potential to make a meaningful difference.

**HOUSE
ROBINSON**



**ACTA NON VERBA
ACTIONS NOT WORDS**

House Origins

House Robinson is named after the inspiring, principled and pioneering Mary Robinson; solicitor, human rights advocate and first female President of Ireland (1990-97). Mrs. Robinson demonstrated her steadfastness in doing the right thing, not the easy thing, by advocating for discriminated and marginalised groups in 1990's Ireland such as the LGBTQ+ community, signing the bill decriminalising homosexual behaviour in 1993.

From 1997 to 2002, she served as UN Commissioner for Human Rights and continues her advocacy work to this day. Her exemplary life serves as motivation for us all to strive to do our best every day . go back.”

Mission Statement

Our house will embody the welcoming , pioneering , egalitarian spirit that Mary Robinson encapsulates.

House Robinson is a place that is welcoming for everybody and house members will endeavour , through our words and actions, to make every member of our house, our classes and our community feel accepted, welcomed and included. We will promote justice and equality both within and outside the school walls.

House Robinson will follow the industrious example of Mary Robinson. We will give our all in our academic , extra curricular and community endeavours.

As Mary Robinson said “Feel empowered, and if you start to do it, if you start to feel your voice heard, you will never go back.”

**HOUSE
CREAN**



**AUDERE EST FACERE
TO DARE IS TO DO**

House Origins

Tom Crean was an extraordinary Antarctic explorer who began his illustrious journey at 15 in the British Royal Navy. Crean's legacy encompasses significant contributions to the Discovery, Terra Nova and Endurance expeditions, his pivotal role in the South Pole search, and his extraordinary 35 mile solo journey for help; an audacious feat in polar exploration history. His unwavering determination, courage, leadership and selflessness remain a lasting inspiration to generations of explorers worldwide.

Mission Statement

House Crean seeks to embody the values of its founder, adopting courage, adventure, and endurance as the guiding principles of our educational journey. Our mission is to foster an environment where every student can flourish, grow, and become well-rounded individuals who are prepared to face life's challenges with unwavering resilience and a spirit of exploration.

In House Crean, students are not only equipped with the tools for excelling academically but are also, in terms of spiritual and physical well-being, encouraged to embark on a transformative journey. The ultimate goal is to kindle a lifelong passion for learning that will continue to blaze brightly, illuminating their paths as they navigate the ever-evolving landscape of life. Through this approach, students are not just educated; they are transformed into resilient, inquisitive, and empowered individuals ready to make their mark in the world.

**HOUSE
KELLEHER**



**FIDE LABORE ARTE
FAITH LABOUR ART**

House Origins

Our justly legendary former Principal and Headmaster, Kevin D. Kelleher, 'Mr. St. Conleth's' from 1944-2016, inspires our house to feats of glory and compassion, accomplished through faith, fellowship and industry.

Mission Statement

Every single day of his 72 years at St. Conleth's, Kevin D. Kelleher practised his faith, shepherded his Conlethian family and worked industriously, whether it was in the classroom, the boardroom or on the rugby pitch. He also nurtured the creative spirits amongst the school community, realising that success comes from art as well as labour and, most of all, he united us all in a sense of common purpose: to be the best that we can be, and to help our Conlethian brothers and sisters share in that worthy struggle and reward.

Our symbol, the Jerusalem Cross, was once used on religious crusades. Those days of conflict are, thankfully, mostly gone; but House Kelleher is on a modern crusade: to draw on our strengths of Faith, Fellowship and Industry and to be unflagging in our effort and gracious in our victories.

HOUSE
HEANEY



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MIND OVER MATTER

House Origins

Seamus Heaney, poet and Nobel laureate in literature (1995), is celebrated for his works characterized by lyrical beauty and ethical depth, which highlight the wonder of everyday life and the enduring past.

Born and raised in County Derry, Northern Ireland, Mr. Heaney faced numerous challenges, growing up in a large farming family with both parents passing away early in his life. His poetry predominantly focused on Northern Ireland, addressing themes of civil strife, the impact of English rule on its culture and language, and the landscapes of farms and cities in the region. Mr. Heaney is widely regarded as one of the most significant Irish poets of the past century. A number of Mr. Heaney's children attended St. Conleth's.

Mission Statement

House Heaney aims to develop and nurture students' intellectual and moral virtues, as well as a stoic fortitude to deal with life's challenges. We endeavour to kindle student curiosity and a sense of intellectual fearlessness. We are not afraid to ask questions or try something new. Asking questions is the starting point to learning new things and the basis for developing a habit of lifelong learning.

In life, we often encounter difficulties and challenges in striving to reach our goals; we strive to develop the determination and resolution to persevere to overcome these obstacles. It is in overcoming these obstacles that we develop mental fortitude and the ability to deal with life vicissitudes which will inevitably come.