

San Miguel Primary Education Resource Centre

Pembroke Malta

San Miguel Primary Education Resource Centre was officially opened on the 15th of June 1989 as San Miguel Special School for students with Profound and Multiple Learning Disabilities (PMLD) aged from 3 to 19 years. After the Special Schools Reform in Malta in 2009, the school started serving as a Resource Centre for primary education students with complex needs and now forms part of Saint Clare College.

Students are admitted to San Miguel Resource Centre after being assessed through a transdisciplinary approach and with the approval of their parents/guardians. Each student follows an Individual Educational Programme carried out by a multi-disciplinary team of professionals together with the parents/guardians.

Students with PMLD graduate to Helen Keller Secondary Education Resource Centre at the age of 13. Students with Autism graduate at the age of 11 to Guardian Angel Secondary Education Resource Centre during a Graduation ceremony at the Centre.

Currently, San Miguel Primary Education Resource Centre provides education on a full time basis to 35 students. San Miguel also provides services to around 50 students who come from primary state schools, church schools and independent schools. Due to the students' needs, learning has to be a sensory experience. San Miguel also provides early intervention to a group of babies and toddlers who have individual educational needs, as well as support to their parents. San Miguel also provides support to the Learning Support Educators who accompany the students from mainstream schools. San Miguel Resource Centre is committed to the principles of inclusion and thus organises activities in which our students learn and have fun alongside their peers from mainstream primary schools.

Mission Statement

We at San Miguel's believe in a caring, stimulating working environment for all, where pupils receive their entitlement to an education which yields a better quality of life.

We celebrate pupils' achievements; encourage partnership with parents and the wider community.

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We respect the dignity of all human being and acknowledge their value as individuals whatever their needs or their ability may be".

Our Aims

We strive to improve and build on the existing strengths of the school in order to create:

- a warm, welcoming and caring environment where students feel happy, safe, cared for and secure.
- an environment which is stimulating, exciting and tailored to the students' individual needs
- a learning experience where the students learn to make sense of the world around them in a multi-sensory way.
- an environment where inclusive practices are encouraged.

Our 10 Golden rules

- Do not underestimate my unspoken word.
- Talk to me not about me.
- Give me the time I need to respond and interact in my own way.
- My feelings are very much like yours.
- Praise my efforts and achievements.
- Treat me with respect and dignity.
- Help me to stay safe.
- Let me know what is going to happen.
- Listen to me and allow me to make choices and decisions for myself.
- Please keep calm even if I am not.

Provision of services

- Cognitive sessions
- ICT sessions
- Hydrotherapy pool
- Optimusic
- Multisensory
- Motor Activity Training Programme
- Music Therapy
- Pet Therapy

San Miguel also boasts of an adventure park which is appropriate for the students.

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Health Professionals

Besides the School Nurse who is at the school on a full-time basis, our students benefit from the services of:

- Physiotherapy team
- Speech Language Therapy
- Occupational Therapy
- Consultant Paediatrician
- Hair screening
- ACTU (Access to Communication & Technology Unit)

School twinning projects

The aim of these projects is to:

- Reinforce ties with schools within St Clare College.
- Establish links with other state primary schools outside our college.
- Establish links with church and independent schools.

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