

## **Report to Staff and Parents following Board of Management Meeting 20<sup>th</sup> September 2021**

### **Staff Changes**

Mr Martin Coleman has been appointed as Director of Kinsale College.

### **Support for Primary schools**

It is planned that after the enrolment process is over a meeting will be held online for principals, SET teachers and sixth class teachers on the new devices we will be asking students to get. In addition, we will outline information on RACE and reports to them.

### **One to One Devices**

The plan for incoming first years to purchase devices was outlined to parents at the open evening.

### **Teaching and Learning**

The current work being done on Teaching and Learning in the School includes:

Strategies for Dyslexic Students – At the last staff meeting staff were reminded of a padlet prepared for staff with strategies for different Special Educational Needs.

The teaching and learning group have rolled out an Answer Planning Technique with all subject departments.

### **Forbairt**

The school is involved in the Forbairt programme this year. The focus for the group is teacher collaborative practice.

### **Determining places for first year 2022-23**

The Board of Management conducted the lottery to determine places in mainstream first year in 2022-23 as well as places in the ASD base classes and the Moderate General Learning Class.

Present in the room was Garda Francis Murphy who acted as independent observer. Initially, the lottery took place for the places in the ASD class. There were only four places available in the ASD base classes.

The results of the lottery were as follows:

- There were 22 applications for a place in the ASD Support Class.
- There were 4 applications from siblings of students who are already attending the school or who previously attended the school. All 4 of these students were offered a place.
- There were 0 applications for students who are children of a current member of the staff of St. Brogan's College.
- There were 5 applications from students who are the eldest in the family and attend one of the named feeder schools. None of these students were offered a place but their names were drawn out and a waiting list formed.
- There were 6 applications from students who are not the eldest in the family and who attend a named feeder school. None of these students were offered a place but their names were drawn out and they were added to the waiting list.

- There were 6 other applications. None of these students were offered a place. Their names were drawn out and they were added to the waiting list.
- There was 1 late application. This student was not offered a place but added to the waiting list.

Any students who had applied for both the ASD and mainstream class were now included in the lottery for a place in mainstream first year.

There were two places available in the moderate general learning difficulties class and there were only two applications so both applicants were offered a place.

The lottery now took place for places in mainstream 2022-23. There were 160 places available for first year.

- There were 257 applications for a place in mainstream first year.
- There were 97 applications from siblings of students who are already attending the school or who previously attended the school. The Board agreed that each of these students should be offered a place.
- There were 0 application for students who are children of a current member of the staff of St. Brogan's College.
- There were 109 applications from students who are the eldest in the family and attend one of the named feeder schools. Only 63 of these students could be offered a place. 63 student's names were drawn from the envelope and each of these was offered the place. All remaining applicants in this category were drawn from the envelope and added to a waiting list.
- There were 42 applications from students who were not the eldest in the family and who attend a named feeder school. None of these children were offered a place. Their names were withdrawn from an envelope and added to the waiting list in that order.
- There were 6 other applications. None of these children were offered a place. Their names were withdrawn from an envelope and added to the waiting list in that order.
- There were 3 late applications. None of these children were offered a place. Their names were withdrawn from an envelope and added to the waiting list in that order.

### **Covid 19 Plan and Risk Assessment**

All students were given a presentation on Covid precautions and guidelines following return after mid term.

### **Fire Drill**

A fire drill was conducted before Mid term.

### **Updates on Covid Restrictions**

1. Parent/Student/Teacher Meetings – no face to face meetings. This year we intend to conduct these meetings online.
2. Staff meetings – still online
3. After school clubs/activities – can take place provided Public Health guidelines can be followed.
4. TY activities – no mixing of schools or stop overs in crowded areas.
5. Training of teams – can commence – no use of changing rooms.

6. Games/matches – will be commencing in October – take a cautious approach.
7. We have been informed that we can now fill buses to 100% capacity when we are going on trips so that should make organising trips cheaper and easier.

### **Parents Association**

Due to Covid the Parents association have been unable to meet. Ms Vaughan and Mr Kenneally are organising a meeting and encouraging new members to attend.

### **Student Council**

A new student council has been formed.

### **Enrolment Figures – 2021/22**

We have an enrolment of 718 students in St. Brogan's College.

### **Buildings**

Applications have been made through the ETB for prefabs which would provide us with the accommodation needed in September 2022 if the proposed first phase of building is not completed.