

Report to Staff and Parents following Board of Management Meeting 20th May 2025

Teaching and Learning

The teaching and learning group is focusing on Independent Learning, the use of AI to support teaching and learning and peer and self-assessment this year. They have planned a series of presentations to staff in these areas.

Studyclix

The school has paid for both Studyclix and ExamRevision as two online platforms to support student's in preparation for state exams. Students are finding it extremely useful.

Leaving Certificate Results

The Board noted the excellent Leaving Certificate results this year. The went through the Athena Report comparing our results to national results and noted that in all areas the school results were above the national average.

Transition Year Structure

There have been adjustments made to Transition Year following on from the new Transition Year Statement.

Admissions Notice and Policy

The admissions notice and admissions policy were prepared according to guidelines from the DE and the ETBI template. The updated admissions notice and policy were considered by the Board of Management and approved by them.

Mobile Phone Pouches Policy

A new draft policy on mobile phone pouches has been prepared. We are hoping to have the policy in place after mid-term. In advance of that feedback back will be sought from parents and students.

Focus Points for the year ahead in School Planning

The items to focus on for the year ahead were agreed by the Board. They are as follows.

- a. Provision Mapping – Planning for SET
- b. Sustainability
- c. Digital Learning Plan
- d. Mobile Phone Pouches
- e. New Child Protection Procedures
- f. New Code of Behaviour to be prepared for 2027

Staff Mental Health

All staff were reminded of details of the Employee Assistance Scheme which allows for 24 hour access to a helpline for staff. This was done at the initial staff meeting.

SNA training

All SNAs were trained in First Aid at the start of the year. They are now all certified for two years. We upskill them every two years.

IT Training

All staff have been required to do a course on IT security. They did not do the Child Protection Training this year as the Child Protection Procedures are changing this year and all staff will get a full day of training in the new procedures.

Staffing Changes

The Board welcomed the new Deputy Principal – Liz McHugh and our new Caretaker – Tony Crowley.

Board of Management Training

The ETB is running training for Board of Management members.

Enrolment

Our current enrolment is 906 students, with 89 teachers, 6 PMEs and 25 SNAs. Our LCs of this year are the last group that is under 160.

Divestment of Kinsale Campus

Kinsale Campus – College of Further Education is no long attached to our Roll Number and this Board no longer has oversight or responsibility for its running.