Sancta Maria College, Louisburgh

Board of Management – Agreed Report

Meeting Date: 8th September 2025
Time: 6:00pm
Format: In person

The first Board of Management meeting of the 2025/2026 school year took place on Monday 8th September 2025. The meeting opened with a prayer.

Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed and approved.

Child Protection / Bullying

The Board received the Child Protection Oversight Report and noted that there were no child protection issues to report. No new bullying cases were reported.

Correspondence

The Board noted staff leave arrangements as presented.

Policy Ratification

The Board reviewed and ratified a range of school policies, including:

- Admissions Policy
- Code of Behaviour
- Anti-Bullying Policy

Principal's Report

The Board received the Principal's report and noted a very positive start to the school year, including a staff wellbeing day to support team wellbeing and reconnection. Key updates included:

- **Enrolment:** 66 new First Year students have enrolled, bringing the total school population to 560.
- **Admissions 2026/2027:** Enrolment and Open Night will take place on 2nd October, with proposed intake numbers discussed.
- **Staffing Updates:** The Board noted updates regarding staff appointments and supports in place for the year.
- **School Environment:** Summer works were completed to improve internal areas, supported in part by the School of Excellence in Creativity grant. A new "Keywords Stairwell" initiative has enhanced learning spaces.
- **New Building Extension:** The Board noted that there has been no further update on the progress of the new building project.

- **Inclusion and Community:** The Board welcomed the ongoing development of inclusion initiatives, including supports for multilingual learners, international students, and the relaunch of the house system.
- **Gaelbhratach:** The Board noted continued progress in promoting Irish language initiatives within the school.
- **Teaching and Learning:** The Board welcomed the establishment of a Teaching and Learning Committee and the continued focus on innovation and excellence in teaching and learning.
- **Recognition:** The Board noted that the school has received Apple Distinguished School status, with a public announcement planned for 15th September.

Governance

The Board noted that the new Board of Management will commence on 1st October 2025, with elections to take place for parent and teacher nominees over the coming weeks. The Principal expressed thanks to outgoing members for their service and support.

Student and School Life

The Board noted updates on student activities and wellbeing initiatives, including Transition Year experiences, leadership opportunities through the prefect system, and ongoing extracurricular developments.

School Community

The Board acknowledged recent bereavements in the wider school community and noted retirements, expressing thanks for the contribution of staff members.

Upcoming Dates

The Board noted key upcoming events for the term, including school development, celebrations, and admissions events. The proposed schedule of Board meetings for the 2025/26 school year was also agreed.

The meeting then concluded.