Sancta Maria College, Louisburgh

Board of Management – Agreed Report

Meeting held: 21 September 2026

The first meeting of the Board of Management for the 2026/27 school year was held on 21 September 2026.

The Board approved the minutes of the previous meeting. There were no matters arising.

Child Protection and Bí Cineálta
The Board reviewed the relevant oversight reports. There were no child protection issues and no new bullying cases reported during the period.

School Accommodation and Development
The Board received an update on the proposed school extension and SEN accommodation project. Revised plans have been prepared following feedback from the Department of Education. The Board reviewed the draft drawings and agreed that the project should proceed as planned.

Admissions
The Board approved an intake of 96 First Year students for the 2027/28 academic year.

Special Education
The Board received an update on the deployment of Special Education Teaching hours and the ongoing work of the SET team in supporting students with additional educational needs.

Policies
The Board reviewed and ratified the Anti-Bullying Policy, Code of Behaviour and Mobile Phone Policy. Updated sanctions relating to breaches of the Mobile Phone Policy were also agreed.

Principal's Report
The Board received a comprehensive report on the positive start to the 2026/27 school year. Updates included student induction and wellbeing, extracurricular activities, student achievement, attendance, international students, the operation of The Well, summer maintenance works and the re-establishment of the Parents' Association.

The Board welcomed the very positive findings of the recent Management, Leadership and Learning inspection, which found the overall quality of teaching and learning, and leadership and management, to be **very good**, with examples of excellent practice. Recommendations from the report will inform the School Improvement Plan for 2026/27.

School Development
The Board was informed of the school's participation in the Junior Cycle School Network and a University of Limerick research study examining Junior Cycle provision. The Board also received updates on sustainability initiatives, including the installation of EV charging points linked to the school's solar PV system.

Student Leadership and School Ethos
The Board welcomed the strengthening of student leadership structures, including the Senior Prefect team, Student Council and a new First Year peer-mentoring programme. Preparations for Mercy Day, Junior WOW Day and Open Night were also noted.

EV Charging
The Board agreed that complimentary EV charging at the Creative Centre may be made available after school hours to parents transporting four children to school.

The Board acknowledged the very positive start to the new school year and thanked staff, students, parents and the wider school community for their continued commitment and support.

Next Board Meeting: 9 November 2026.