

SANCTA MARIA COLLEGE
BOARD OF MANAGEMENT MEETING – TUESDAY 10 SEPTEMBER 2024 IN THE COLLEGE
AGREED REPORT

This was the first meeting of the Board in the new 2024-2025 school year and the Board wished acting Principal Sorcha McManus and acting Deputy Principal Martin Flynn and all the staff and students a happy and fruitful year.

The Board extended best wishes to staff on sick leave and maternity leave.

The Board congratulated Leaving Certificate students and their teachers on the Leaving Certificate results and extended best wishes to students awaiting Junior Certificate results on 9th October.

The acting Principal's written report provided comprehensive information to the Board on activities since the college re-opened including:

- Details of the many committees of staff set up to develop aspects of the college
- The wide range of extra-curricular activities provided by teachers for students
- The School's Improvement Plan (SIP) 2024-2026
- The meetings held to date and planned by the acting Principal with holders of posts of responsibility
- The happy position of the college that it has a full complement of teachers
- The successful introduction this year of the Leaving Certificate Applied (LCA)
- Details for first year 2025-2026 enrolment, including visiting primary schools
- The information meetings planned for parents of Junior Cycle and Senior Cycle
- The details of the Open Evening on Thursday 19th September for 4th, 5th 6th classes
- The very smooth running of the new Junior Cycle Schoolbooks scheme by Ms Lennox
- The great work of caretaker Mihai and his wife in cleaning specialist classrooms
- Details of Transition Year students' trips and events.

The Board adopted (a) a set of its priorities for 2024-2025 (b) a Junior Cycle Book Scheme and Stationery Provision Policy 2024 (c) FSSU Guidelines for the management of college finances.

The acting Principal presented the statutory Child Protection Oversight Report (CPOR) to the Board.

The Board welcomed new staff members and wished them every success. The Board welcomed staff members returning to the college from leave.

The Board thanked teachers for their engagement in the many aspects of the school and, in particular, the many teachers whose work and contributions were mentioned in the Principal's Report to the Board.

The Board welcomed the news that work on building of the PE Hall and Music/Drama area is expected to go to tender in October / November with, if all goes well, a builder arriving on site April / May 2025.

The Board expresses condolences with the family and friends of Ms Breeda Dalton, teacher at the college for over 35 years, who also kept regularly in touch after her retirement.

The next BOM meeting will be held on Tuesday 22 October 2024 at 7pm.