



## COLÁISTE ABBÁIN

### BOARD OF MANAGEMENT AGREED REPORT

The Board of Management (BOM) met for its first meeting of the school year on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2019.

Policies for approval included the **Child Safety Statement**. The BOM is mindful of its legal requirements in this regard. The policy was approved. Other policies which were updated and ratified by the board included the Admission and Enrolment Policy and an updated RSE Policy.

The principal's report was read and approved. Attention was drawn to **Examination Results**. The secretary congratulated students and parents for the Leaving Certificate results achieved and praised staff for their efforts. Additional supports such as the School Tracking Programme were noted as being insightful and consequently has been extended to fifth year students. It was noted that there are many positive developments in **Teaching and Learning** taking place, such as the engagement of four staff members in the Magenta Principles Training, which is being facilitated and supported by WWETB. The school Self Evaluation Report and Improvement Plan was presented to board members.

The principal's report provided information on **enrolment** figures for 2019. The principal outlined curriculum changes to the board: the curriculum has evolved and new subjects and modules including Junk Kouture, Community Involvement, Dance, Drama, Media Studies, Chemistry and Sustainability are introduced in Transition Year. New subjects were introduced on the curriculum in first year in the form of short courses: Physical Education & Philosophy for Children. In addition to these, Agriculture & Self Sufficiency and Digital Media Literacy are also introduced as a Short Course for the first time.

The "**Sampling**" of subject options in First Year has taken place in September and the board were presented with positive findings in relation to subject choice.

Board members were invited to the Upcoming Open Night on the 9<sup>th</sup> October at 7pm.

**Dates of Meetings for BOM 2019/20**

- ~~Wednesday 2nd October 2019~~
- Thursday 7th November 2019
- Wednesday 29th January 2020
- Wednesday 4th March 2020
- Wednesday 13th May 2020