

SCOIL MHUIRE BUNCRANA

NEWSLETTER #11



JUNE 2026

Gach rath agus beannacht oraibh



TO OUR WONDERFUL EXAM STUDENTS

Best of Luck
IN YOUR UPCOMING EXAMS

We are so proud of the hard work,
dedication and perseverance you have shown.
Believe in yourself. Stay calm. Do your best.
We know you have everything you need to succeed.
We are cheering you on every step of the way.



FAITH

Trust in yourself
and in God.



FOCUS

Stay present.
Stay determined.



ACHIEVE

Your effort today
shapes your future.

YOU'VE GOT THIS!

FROM ALL AT SCOIL MHUIRE



Nuachtlitir #11 Meitheamh 2026



SCOIL MHUIRE BUNCRANA

STUDENT LEADERSHIP TEAM

2026-2027



HEAD BOY

Killian Hirrell



HEAD GIRL

Aoife McColgan



DEPUTY HEAD BOY

James Grant



DEPUTY HEAD GIRL

Clodagh Boyle

SENIOR LEADERS



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Cian
McEleney



Ciara
Gillespie



Jude
McGlinchey



Aoife
Sweeney



Thomas
Newman

Leaders Today, Inspiring Tomorrow





SCOIL MHUIRE SECONDARY SCHOOL

WHOLE-SCHOOL EVALUATION – MANAGEMENT, LEADERSHIP & LEARNING

May 2026



STUDENT EXPERIENCE
A FLOURISHING
SCHOOL COMMUNITY



**TEACHING & LEARNING
HIGHLIGHTS**



**LEADERSHIP
DEVELOPMENT**

KEY STRENGTHS IDENTIFIED BY INSPECTORS



STUDENT EXPERIENCE

- School management and staff were highly committed to providing a positive and inclusive learning environment.
- Students described the school as a community where teachers helped them to succeed.
- An inclusive, caring and respectful culture permeated school life.
- Partnerships with parents were well developed.



TEACHING & LEARNING

- Positive and respectful classroom environments.
- Effective use of digital technology to support learning.
- Strong teacher collaboration and sharing of practice.
- Very good examples of formative assessment and feedback.
- Subject departments well established across the school.



LEADERSHIP & MANAGEMENT

- A significant programme of school development was underway.
- The commitment of staff and leadership to working collaboratively was identified as a very significant strength.
- There was very good capacity for school improvement.
- Staff embraced opportunities for leadership, professional learning and school development.
- A collaborative and distributive leadership model was supporting ongoing improvement.



BROAD & RESPONSIVE CURRICULUM

- A broad curriculum informed by students' interests and needs.
- TY and LCA programmes provided a commendable range of learning experiences.
- DEIS planning positively impacted progression, retention and attainment.
- Strong commitment to meeting the needs of a diverse student population.



STUDENT SUPPORT & WELLBEING

- The quality of support for students' wellbeing was good overall.
- Extensive extra-curricular and co-curricular opportunities.
- Students were supported and encouraged by staff.
- Strong student support structures and transition programmes.
- Strong links with families and the wider community.

TEACHING & LEARNING HIGHLIGHTS

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RECOMMENDATIONS FOR CONTINUED GROWTH



Further develop active and inclusive teaching approaches.



Strengthen curriculum planning and review processes.



Enhance supports for students with special educational needs.



Expand Guidance and wellbeing provision.



Continue to strengthen restorative and relationship-based approaches.



STUDENT VOICE

“Students described the school as a community where they got to know each other and where teachers helped them to succeed.”

INSPECTION DETAILS



Inspection Date:
12/03/2026



Date of Issue:
12 May 2026



Inspection Number:
62770C

2nd Year - End of Year Trip

Our 2nd Year students recently travelled to Lake Kilrea for a day focused on wellbeing, teamwork and building positive relationships. The trip provided a valuable opportunity for students to step away from the classroom environment, enjoy a range of outdoor activities and strengthen friendships within the year group. Days such as these play an important role in supporting student wellbeing and fostering a strong sense of belonging within our school community. Our sincere thanks to the staff who accompanied our students on the trip and helped make it such an enjoyable and successful experience for all involved.











Letterkenny Trip 2026

Students from our Special Classes recently enjoyed a wonderful end-of-year trip to Letterkenny, providing an opportunity to celebrate a successful year together and create lasting memories. The day included a visit to Century Cinemas, a round of crazy golf and an exciting trip to Tropical World where our students had the chance to see a wide variety of animals and exotic species up close. The trip was filled with fun, laughter and friendship and was a fitting way to mark the end of another busy and rewarding school year. A heartfelt thank you to all of our Special Class teachers and our SNAs for their dedication, care and commitment throughout the year and for helping to make this special day such a success.













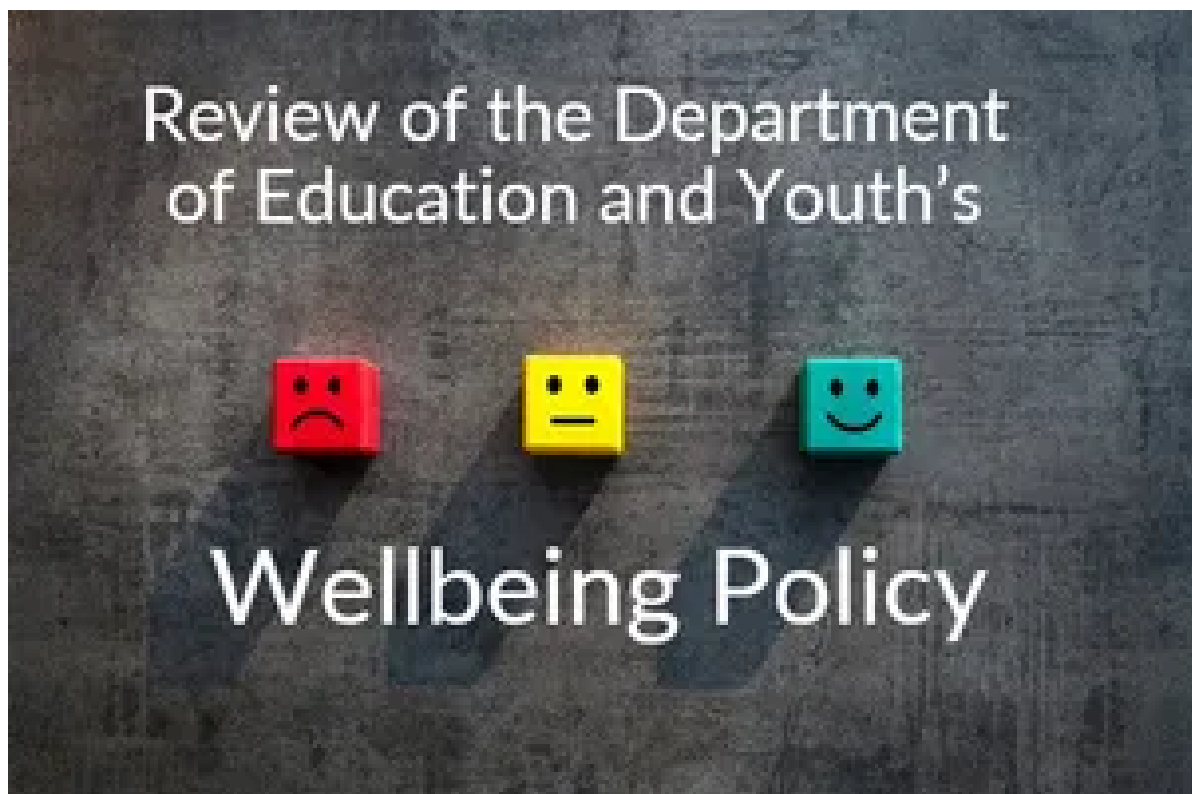
National Review of Wellbeing

With the Wellbeing Policy Statement and Framework for Practice Implementation Plan having concluded in 2025, we have begun a review of the progress made and are now planning for its successor.

The main purpose of the review is to develop an updated Wellbeing Policy for the Department of Education and Youth and develop and agree a new Implementation Plan for the period 2026 – 2030. In addition, the purpose is to strengthen targets and indicators and develop a consistent approach to measuring impact.

We would be grateful if you could take a few minutes to complete the survey below.

- Students: **[Click here](#)** to complete the student survey
- Parents / Guardians: **[Click here](#)** to complete the parent/guardian survey



As another school year draws to a close, we take this opportunity to reflect with gratitude on the many people who contribute to the life of our school community. We would like to express our heartfelt thanks to our parents and guardians for their continued support, encouragement and partnership throughout the year. Your trust, cooperation and involvement in school life make an invaluable difference and help to create the positive and caring environment in which our students can thrive.

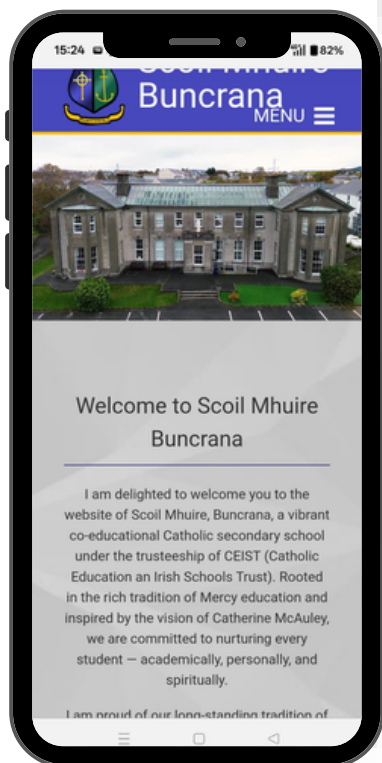
We also wish to pay tribute to our exceptional staff. Their dedication, professionalism and generosity of spirit are at the heart of everything we do. Throughout the year they have given so much of their time, energy and expertise to support our students, both inside and outside the classroom. Whether through teaching and learning, pastoral care, extra-curricular activities or the countless unseen tasks that keep a school running smoothly, their commitment has helped our students to grow in confidence, character and achievement. We are deeply grateful for their hard work and for the care and encouragement they show to our students each and every day.

As we look back on the year there is much to celebrate and be proud of. Thank you to all who have contributed to making Scoil Mhuire such a vibrant, supportive and successful school community. We wish everyone a restful, enjoyable and well-deserved summer break.

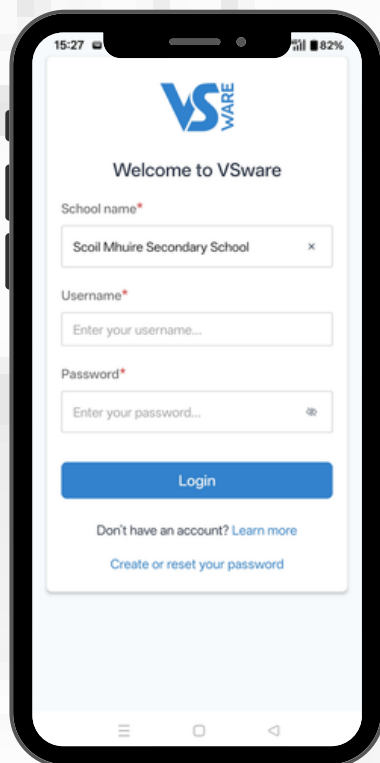
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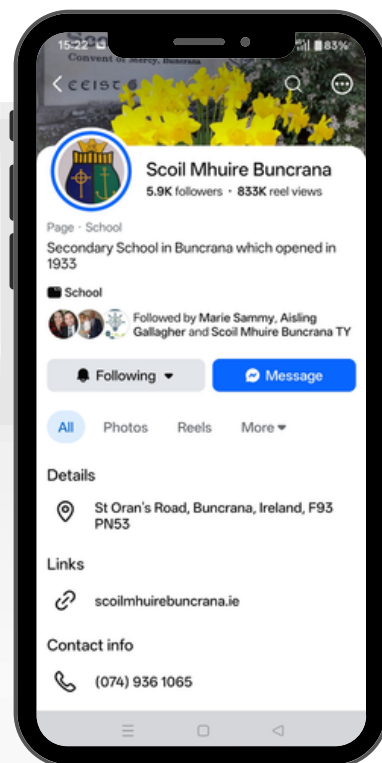
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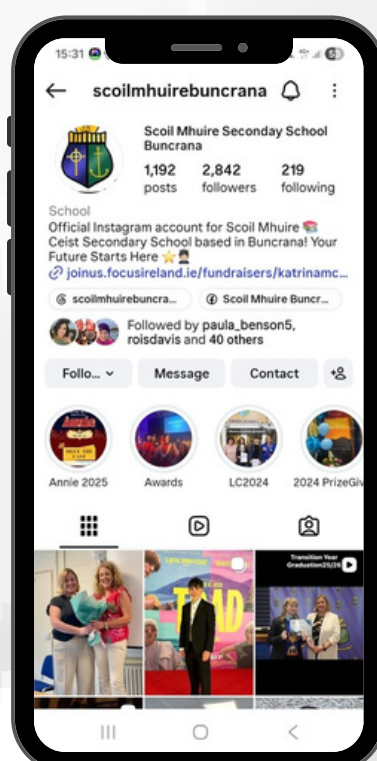
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