



Scoil Mhuire Buncrana

September Review Meeting

07 September 2026

What we will talk about

- Introduction and Meet the team (Ms. McLoughlin)
- Outline of Role: Ms. McDermott (Year Head)
- Day to day Procedures, Calendar, Communication (Ms. Barron, Link DP)
- Curriculum, and Mobile Phones (Ms. Corbett)
- School Journal (Mr. Clancy)
- Mr. Baldrick Special Educational Needs Co-Ordinator- Learning Support
- Tea and chat



The Journey so far

Get started

Induction

Transfer Day

Information Evening – Subject Choice

Enrolment Day



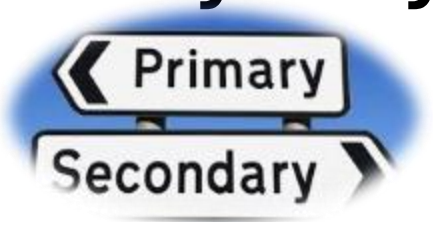
Primary School Visits



Open Night

Open Day

Early Days...



AUGUST 2026

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23 30	24 31	25	26	27 Full Moon	28 ★	29

SEPTEMBER 2026

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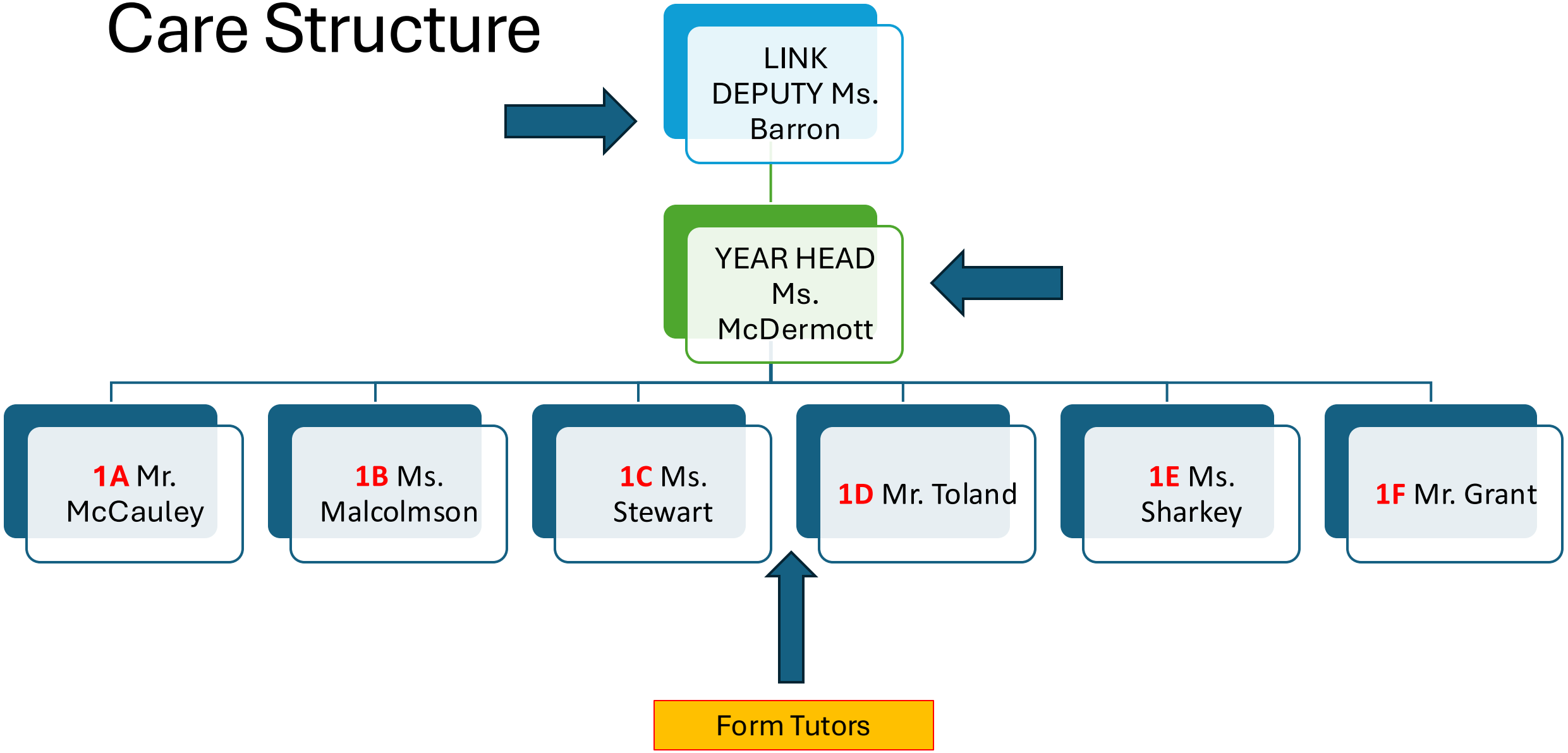
Care Structure



Ms. Claire McDermott

1st Year – Year Head

Student Support and Wellbeing




ART









Your Child is in Good Hands

- **A big transition** - for students *and* parents
- **A supportive team** - Year Head, Form Tutors and parents working together
- **Our goal -** every student feels welcome, safe, supported and happy




PRUEBAS Y
RIBIRTE
EXTRAÑO
JNIMOS















A Partnership in Supporting Your Child

A new journey - new friends, new subjects, new teachers and new experiences

Ups and downs - happy times, challenges, disappointments and proud moments

Working together - school and home supporting, encouraging and guiding your child















The Value of School Uniform

- **Less pressure** - fewer comparisons
- **Easier for families** - no daily decisions
- **A shared standard** - a positive school environment and clear expectations
- Label it

















Ms. Barron

Link Deputy Principal for 1st Year

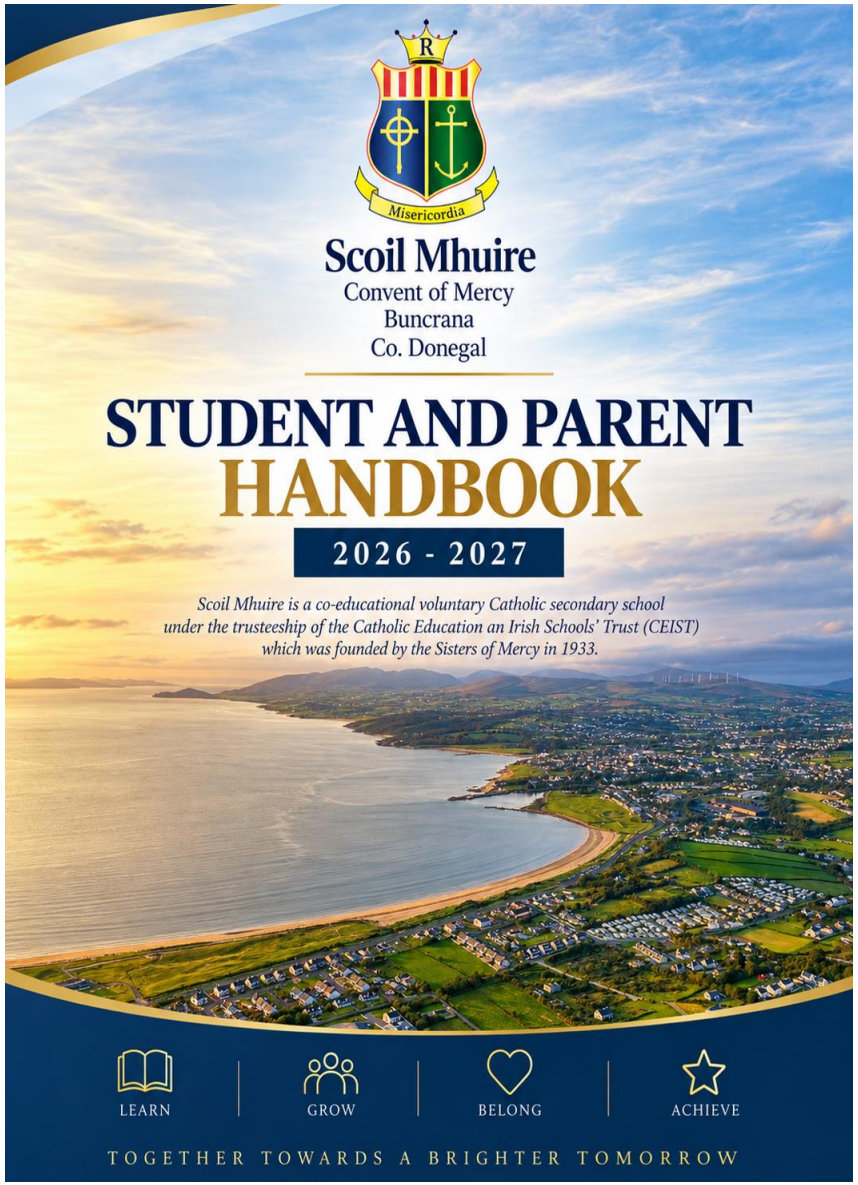
Day-to-day Procedures
Pastoral Care

Relationships based on 5 Core Values

- Be respectful
- Be responsible
- Be ready to learn
- Be mannerly
- Be kind

WHAT WE EXPECT FROM SCOIL MHUIRE STUDENTS

1.  Attend school regularly on time.
2.  Take pride in your appearance by wearing the correct uniform.
3.  Arrive prepared for learning.
4.  Complete all work to the best of your ability.
5.  Follow instructions and school procedures.
6.  Show respect for all members of the school community.
7.  Care for school property and the environment.
8.  Avoid all harmful, dangerous and illegal items.
9.  Keep mobile phones out of sight and out of use.
10.  Use toilets responsibly.



Communication with parents

VSware App – central

[Student and Parent Handbook]

[Code of Behaviour 2026]

[Bí Cineálta Anti-Bullying Policy]

Upcoming Key Dates for 2026-2027

Wed 9th September
School photographs

Fri 27th November – Friday 4th December
1st Year Exams

Fri 11th December
Trade Fair

Thu 17th December
1st Year Parent-Teacher Meeting

Mr. Clancy
Deputy Principal

Dialann Scoile

- Organisation
- Key Dates
- Record Keeping
- Parent/Guardian engagement



SCOIL MHUIRE
BUNCRANA

NEWSLETTER #1 SEPTEMBER 2025

Fáilte



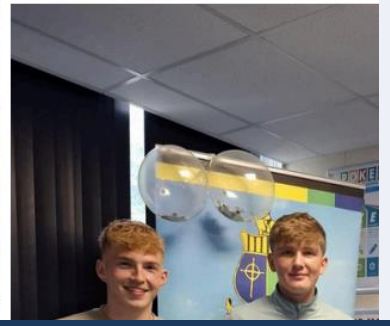
I am delighted to welcome you to our first newsletter of the year. We have had a good start to the term with all our students returning to their classes with great enthusiasm after the summer break.

Scoil Mhuire welcomes in a special way our new 1st years and we wish them every success as they begin their journey with us. We look forward to another great year where all of our students can thrive and flourish.

Our regular newsletter will help you stay connected and keep you up to date with all the activities taking place in the school.

Leaving Certificate Results 2025





SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

- Extra-Curricular News
- Celebrate Success
- Upcoming Events
- Key Information

Ms Corbett

Deputy Principal

Curriculum



MATHEMATICS



ENGLISH



IRISH



GEOGRAPHY



SCIENCE



HISTORY



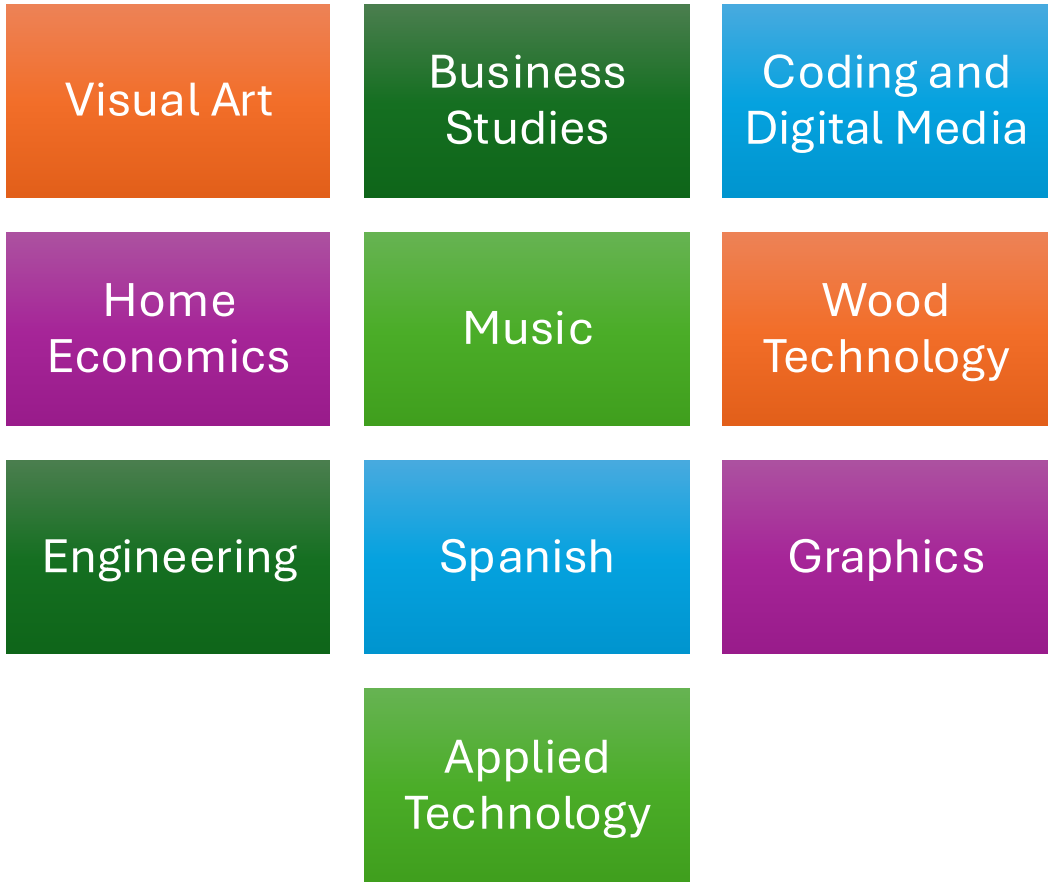
RELIGION



WELLBEING**

Optional Subjects

- 159 students chose 3 + 1 subjects, from 11 available
- 98% of students were allocated all four of their subject preferences
- Some movement between subjects
  - All student requests to change subject have been accommodated
- All students settled and happy with subject choices by Friday, September 18th



Mobile Phone Policy

- Review of Mobile Phone Policy & Practices 2024-2025
- September 2025: "Out of Sight, Out of Use" policy implemented
  - Improve student concentration in class
  - Encourages conversation between peers
  - Support development of resilience – remove distraction, promote conversation
  - Promote privacy
  - Prevent cyberbullying and / or unacceptable use



Mobile Phone Practices

- September 2026 – Additional Support for Policy
- Zeeko mobile phone pouches will be introduced for all 1st Yr students
- Mobile phone in pouch for the duration of the day
- Specialist pouches available where required i.e. medical
- Further information issued in due course



Lunchtime fun



Lunchtime fun on the pitch

Mr Baldrick
SENCo

Attainment & Ability Assessments

WRAT V Spelling	WRAT V Maths Computation	WRAT V Word Reading	ART – Reading Comprehension
CAT 4 Testing	Verbal Reasoning, Quantitative Reasoning	Non-Verbal Reasoning, Spatial Reasoning	Digitally - Friday 11th September

Additional Support

Literacy

Numeracy

Pastoral

Organisational & Orientation

Emotional & Wellbeing

In Class

L1 & L2



Mobile Phone Policy

- "Out of sight, out of use" policy implemented September 2025
- Applies to all areas of Scoil Mhuire – school building & grounds.
- Students will be given a pouch to support them.
- Out of site when entering the school until the student has left.

Activity
Golf teams (7 players) Junior and senior golf competitions for all golfers within the school population
Board Game Club
Maths Club
Dungeons & Dragons/Warhammer
Art Club
Book Club
Chess Club
Movie Club (during lunch?)
Werewolf (Social Games)
Hair and makeup club
Climate/Foireann Gls
Soccer Training
Senior & u17 Boys Soccer Training
U15 Boys Soccer Training
Girls Soccer Training







Lunchtime Library





Choir



Student Leadership – Join our Student Council


THANK
YOU