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Dear Parent/Guardian,

As you may be aware, we will be introducing student devices for all first-year students starting in CBS Enniscorthy in September 2026. This initiative follows extensive planning and has been informed by our ongoing commitment to supporting teaching, learning and student engagement.

Following further conversations with parents, staff and the Board of Management, we are now exploring the possibility of extending the use of devices to fifth-year students from September 2027 (the current third year cohort planning on doing TY). **At this stage, no final decision has been made, and we are very keen to hear your views.**

We fully recognise that the introduction of a device represents a financial commitment for families. The purpose of this letter, along with the accompanying information and survey (link below), is to clearly outline the educational rationale behind the proposal and to give you an opportunity to consider it carefully and provide us with your feedback.

The cost of the device is €681. Importantly, this is the student's own device and will remain with him after he leaves school, whether he progresses to work, further education, college or an apprenticeship.

As with our first year programme, we are working in partnership with Enniscorthy Credit Union, who have developed an education loan option specifically to support parents with this cost, should they wish to avail of it. (details below)

We value the strong partnership we have with our parents and greatly appreciate your engagement and feedback as we continue to plan for the future needs of our students.



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We would greatly appreciate it if you could take a few minutes to review the information outlined below and share your views by completing the short survey via the link provided. Your feedback is very important to us and will help inform our planning and decision making as we move forward

Survey Link: [5th Year Student Devices 2027 – Fill in form](#)

Yours sincerely,

Brendan O'Sullivan
Principal

Why Students Use 1:1 Digital Devices

Individual digital devices play an important role in supporting modern teaching, learning and assessment.

They help students to:

- Research, draft and edit coursework
- Organise learning and manage deadlines
- Access learning resources and assistive technologies
- Develop independence and responsibility

Many AACs and classroom activities are **designed with digital learning in mind**, making device access an important part of equitable participation.



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ICT Skills and Preparing for an AI-Enabled World

Strong **ICT and digital literacy skills** are now essential. Technology, including **artificial intelligence (AI)**, is increasingly part of education, the workplace and everyday life. AI is not going away.

Our focus is on ensuring students:

- Use technology responsibly and ethically
- Think critically about information and digital tools
- Understand the opportunities and limitations of AI
- Are prepared to adapt to future technological change

At national level, guidance is being developed to support the **ethical and appropriate use of AI in education**.

Senior Cycle Redevelopment

Senior Cycle education in Ireland is currently being **redeveloped nationally** to better prepare students for further education, training, employment and life beyond school. These changes are being introduced on a phased basis and apply to subjects as they are revised or newly introduced. When your son is starting fifth year (2027), fifteen out of the twenty-one subjects available will have AAC's.

What are Additional Assessment Components (AACs)?

These are assessments completed **during the course**, alongside the final written examination.

AACs may include:

- Coursework or project work
- Practical, oral or aural assessments
- Research or portfolio-based assignments

AACs:

- Allow students to demonstrate learning over time
- Reduce pressure on a single exam



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- Assess skills not easily captured in a written paper

All coursework is **closely supervised, authenticated by teachers and overseen by the school**, in line with State Examinations Commission rules.



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Representative Example as at 18/03/2026

Education Loan Amount	Term	Weekly Repayments	Total Amount Repayable
€681	1 Year	€13.50	€702.03
€681	2 Years	€6.95	€723.07
€681	3 Years	€4.77	€744.52

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