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Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s) and Incoming 1st Year Students,

On behalf of all the staff in Coláiste Abbáin, I would like to extend a very warm welcome to our incoming 1st Year students and their families as you join our school community. Starting post-primary school is a significant milestone and we are very much looking forward to supporting your child as they begin this exciting new chapter.

We are proud of the caring, supportive and inclusive atmosphere in Coláiste Abbáin and we hope that each student will quickly feel at home here. We look forward to getting to know our new students, building strong partnerships with families, and working together throughout the 2026/27 academic year.

First Week Back / Induction Arrangements

To support students in making a smooth and positive transition to second-level school, the following arrangements will apply for the first week back:

- Monday, 31st August 2026: 1st Years only — 8.52 a.m. to 1.15 p.m.
 - Tuesday, 1st September 2026: 2nd and 3rd Years only — 8.52 a.m. to 1.15 p.m.
 - Wednesday, 2nd September 2026: TY, LCA 1, LCA 2, 5th Year and 6th Year only — 8.52 a.m. to 1.15 p.m.
 - Thursday, 3rd September 2026: All year groups attend — 8.52 a.m. to 4.00 p.m.
- Classes will run as normal and students should follow their timetable.

Our first day for 1st Year students will focus on helping them settle in gently. Students will have an opportunity to meet their Meitheal Leaders, get their lockers, make new friends and begin finding their feet in their new school environment. Members of our support staff will also be available throughout the day to guide and assist students as

needed. We hope this will make the first day a positive, calm and welcoming experience for all.

Tyro – Our New School App

Please note that Coláiste Abbáin has now moved its school management system from VShare to Tyro. Tyro is now our new school app and will be the main platform for communication and school administration.

Through the Tyro app, families will be able to:

- Receive school communication and important updates
- Monitor attendance and attendance correspondence
- Access school reports and assessment results
- View behaviour and wellbeing updates
- Make payments, including school fees and other school-related charges

Tyro tutorials are available on the school website and we encourage all families to access these before the school year begins. It is vital that the school has an up-to-date email address on file for all families, as this is essential for setting up and accessing your Tyro account.

Please ensure that you can access the app as soon as possible. Tyro will be central to day-to-day school communication and administration, and it will not be possible to navigate school life effectively without it.

School Uniform Requirements

The standard of uniform in Coláiste Abbáin is excellent and this is supported by a fair and consistently implemented code of behaviour. Students are expected to attend in full school uniform from the beginning of the school year.

The school uniform is as follows:

- Caribbean blue jumper with crest
- White shirt (no polo shirts)
- Grey trousers for boys (two pairs recommended)
- Grey trousers / skirt for girls (two items recommended)
- School jacket only (Matt Mernagh Jacket or New O’Neills Jacket)

- Black shoes or all-black runners (with no logos)

Please note; school uniform is available in Jackie Green, Clonroche. Jackets must be purchased directly from Matt Mernagh, Enniscorthy or on the O'Neill's Website. No other jacket is permitted.

Link to O'Neill's Jacket: <https://tinyurl.com/5xdw967j>

Medical Forms and Student Care Plans

If your child has a medical illness or condition, please complete the relevant medical care form and return it to the school as soon as possible. It is the responsibility of parent(s)/guardian(s) to ensure that the school is kept fully updated regarding any medical diagnosis, care plan or specific support need for a student.

This includes ensuring that the school has any necessary medication and medical supplies, such as EpiPens, diabetic medication or other prescribed supports, where required. If your child's medical needs change at any stage, it is important that the school is informed immediately so that we can continue to support your child safely and appropriately.

Link to Forms: [Documents | Coláiste Abbáin](#)

School Fees Overview

School fees for the 2026/27 academic year will now be paid through Tyro. Parents/guardians will receive notification through the Tyro app when the fee is live and ready for payment.

Coláiste Abbáin relies on the support of families for the Student Contribution / School Fees. Despite the significantly higher operational costs associated with managing and maintaining a much larger school building, the school continues to operate within the constraints of the same budget allocation.

This presents ongoing challenges in terms of heating, cleaning and general upkeep, all of which require additional resources that are not reflected in the current funding model. We urgently need to cover this additional expenditure, and the fairest way is to appeal for full support for the mandatory Student Contribution / Fees.

The Student Fees help to cover costs that include:

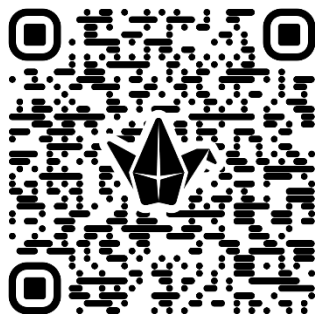
- ICT student devices: Surface Pros, laptop suites, iPads/tablets etc.
- Locker fee: Covers the provision and maintenance of student lockers

- Subject-specific costs: Materials used in subjects such as Home Economics, Art, Engineering, Wood Technology, DCG etc.
- Transition Year: Trips, workshops and activities unique to TY
- Insurance fee: For student personal accident insurance
- Extra-curricular: Buses used to support extracurricular activities, class trips and classroom resources
- School communication and messaging costs
- General school maintenance

We understand that financial circumstances vary, and we are happy to discuss alternative arrangements where needed. Please do not hesitate to contact us in confidence. Thank you for your continued support of our school community.

Student Friendly Welcome Padlet

A Padlet has been set up for incoming 1st Year students and their families. This includes useful information, key resources and the presentation from the 1st Year Information Morning. Please follow the link provided or scan the QR code to access the Padlet.



<https://padlet.com/avrilbottle1/colaiste-abbain-welcome-new-students-s7bux4k8j4kougsI>

We are very much looking forward to welcoming our new 1st Year students in August and to beginning this journey with you. Thank you for your support, cooperation and trust as your child prepares to join Coláiste Abbáin. In the meantime, we wish all our incoming students and their families a safe, restful and enjoyable summer.

Yours sincerely,

John Nolan

Principal

Avril Buttle

Deputy Principal