Skerries Community College
Coláiste Phobal na Scéirí
Dublin Dun Laoghaire Education & Training Board

8th June 2026

Dear Parent/Guardian,

As we come to the end of another busy, successful, and enjoyable school year, and as students begin to look forward to a well-earned summer break, I would like to sincerely thank you for your continued support, encouragement, and partnership throughout the year.

It has been wonderful to see our students grow both academically and personally over the course of the year, particularly our first-year students as they settled so positively into life at Skerries Community College. I am already looking forward to welcoming a whole new group of young people to our school community in September as our incoming first years begin the next stage of their educational journey with us.

I would also like to wish all students preparing for their State Examinations the very best of luck in the weeks ahead. Over recent months, students have shown tremendous commitment in completing practical assessments, coursework components, oral examinations, portfolios, and project work across a wide range of subjects. Their resilience, organisation, and hard work throughout this process have been extremely impressive, and we are very proud of all they have achieved.

This year has been filled with many memorable moments and achievements across all aspects of school life. Our students have represented the school exceptionally well in sports, debating, chess, performances, and numerous extracurricular activities. In particular, this has been an unprecedented year of success for hockey in the school, with our students achieving remarkable success and showing outstanding dedication, teamwork, and school spirit throughout the season.

The recent Sixth Year and Transition Year graduations were wonderful celebrations of student achievement and reflected the strong sense of community that exists within our school. I would also like to extend my sincere thanks to our tutors and year heads for the enormous work they do in supporting students throughout the year and in helping to make their school experience so positive and enjoyable. Their care, guidance, and commitment play a hugely important role in student wellbeing and success.

I would also like to take this opportunity to acknowledge and thank our Special Needs Assistants, class tutors, and middle management team for the exceptional support, care, and leadership they provide to our students and wider school community every day. Their dedication, compassion, and willingness to go above and beyond play a vital role in creating

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the inclusive, supportive, and positive environment that exists within our school. The care shown to students, often behind the scenes, makes an enormous difference to student wellbeing and school life, and we are deeply appreciative of their continued commitment.

A special word of thanks must also go to all staff for their dedication, professionalism, and generosity throughout the year. I would particularly like to acknowledge the significant work involved in coordinating and organising the many school tours, trips, and extracurricular activities that took place during the year, especially throughout May. These opportunities provide invaluable experiences for our students and contribute greatly to school life.

I would also like to thank our Board of Management for their continued leadership and support, as well as our Parents Association for their ongoing involvement and fundraising efforts, which continue to enhance opportunities and experiences for all students.

I would also like to acknowledge and thank our Deputy Principals — Ms. Derwin, Mr. Barry, Ms. Kelly and Ms. Smith — for their outstanding leadership and support throughout the year. Their dedication and commitment continue to make a significant contribution to the daily life of the school, and I look forward to continuing this strong collaboration into the 2026/27 academic year.

Finally, thank you once again for your continued support of Skerries Community College. Your encouragement and involvement help us to provide a vibrant, inclusive, and supportive environment in which our students can thrive.

We wish all students and families a safe, relaxing, and enjoyable summer break, and we look forward to welcoming everyone back in the new academic year.

Warm regards,

Kevin McLoughlin
Principal