

Incoming 1st Year Information Evening 2024/2025



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Mission Statement & Motto



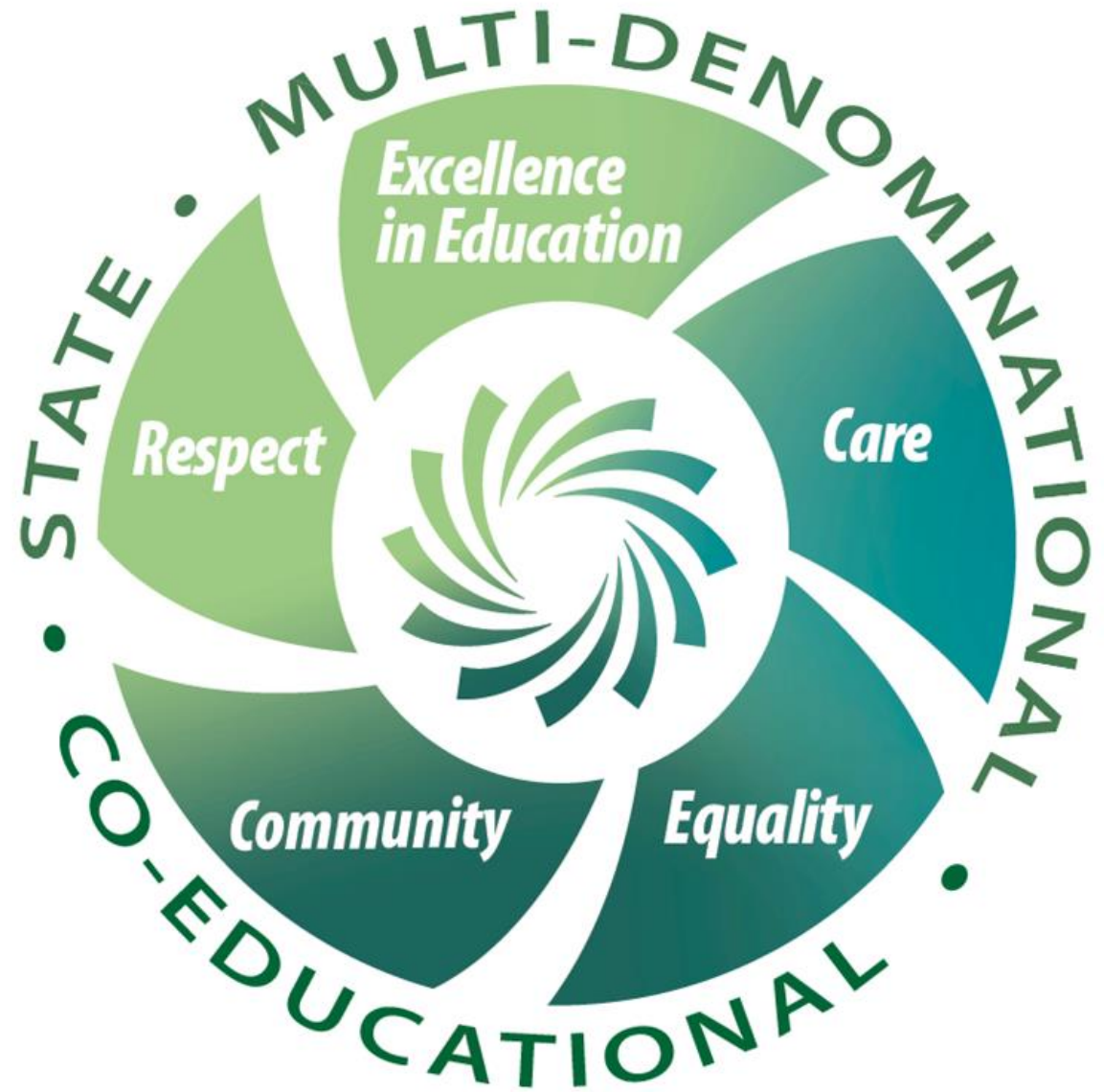
Mission Statement

Scoil Chonglais is a warm, caring, and welcoming school in which all students are valued and respected. We provide a positive, supportive, and inclusive learning environment, where students and their unique contributions are celebrated. We are committed to excellence in education and to empowering each student to reach their full potential.

School Motto

“Empowering Minds, Shaping Futures and Celebrating Success”

KWETB School



Extracurricular



School Facilities



School Day

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8.50 – 9.50					
9.50 – 10.50					
10.50 – 11.05	B	R	E	A	K
11.05 – 12.05					
12.05 – 1.05					
1.05 – 1.40	L	U	N	C	H
1.40 – 2.40					
2.40 – 3.40					

School Administration Charge & Contribution

School Affiliation Charges & Contributions 2024/2025	
1 st Year (* excludes device fee)	€120
2 nd Year	€120
3 rd Year	€200 (* includes €80 for Mock Exams)
Transition Year (* to be paid in 3 installments – May, June & September)	€500
5 th Year	€120
6 th Year	€200 (* includes €80 for Mock Exams)



Summary of Charges & Contributions	
School Locker & Lock Rental	€50
Sports/Club Affiliation & Registration	
Student Journal (senior cycle only)	
Student Testing Resources (junior cycle only)	
Student Insurance	€15
Photocopying & Postage	€25
Class Materials	€30
Total	€120

Curriculum Information

Core

- Maths, English, Irish, Geography, History & Science

Wellbeing

- PE, SPHE, CSPE & Wellbeing related modules (Transition (1st Year)/Guidance (2nd Year), IMBV, Computers)

Options

- Group 1 – French OR German
- Group 2 (select any three) - Art, Music, Business Studies, Home Economics, Engineering, Graphics & Material (Wood) Technology

Assessment

Common level in most subjects	CBA – Classroom based Assessment	AT – Assessment Task
Wellbeing	OAL – Other Areas of Learning	2 CBAs (2 nd & 3 rd Year)
1 Assessment Task (3 rd Year)	Exam in June (State Exam)	JCPA – Junior Cycle Profile of Achievement

Junior Cycle	
Percentage	Grade Descriptor
≥ 90 to 100	Distinction
≥ 75 and < 90	Higher Merit
≥ 55 and < 75	Merit
≥ 40 and < 55	Achieved
≥ 20 and < 40	Partially Achieved
≥ 0 and < 20	Not Graded (NG)

Classroom-based Assessment Descriptors
Exceptional
Above Expectations
In line with Expectations
Yet to meet Expectations

Assessments and Reporting

- Whole School Exams in November, Mocks (3rd & 6th Years only) and in May.
- Reports will be available on VShare.



VShare & School App

- **Vshare** –term assessments and subject options.
- **School App** – submitting notes around absences, lates or permission to leave early.

Please check the information booklet for guidance on how to download and register for both VShare and the School App.



The Role of the Year Head



- The Year Head oversees the welfare of a year group in line with the school's ethos and mission statement.
- Every year is assigned a Year Head.
- The Year Head works with tutors , guidance, AEN department and the senior management team on all matters related to the year group.
- The Year Head takes an interest in knowing students personally and advising them throughout their time in the school.
- The Year Head also attends functions associated with the year, motivates students, keep records relevant to the students and liaises with parents, if the need arises.
- The Year Head plays a central role in providing a pastoral, academic and behaviour support structure for each student.

Pastoral Care

- Year Head – Ms Hedderman
- Wellbeing base class tutors - TBC
- Principal – Mr Maguire
- Deputy Principals – Ms Fox
- Guidance Counsellor – Mr McMullin
- AEN Coordinator - Ms Cullen
- Le Chéile Coordinator – Mr Byrne



Homework

- First year students receive homework in the all subjects.
- They should write their homework into their journal.
- We recommend that you check their homework journal as well as their Microsoft Teams Channel.
- A note from home in the school journal to explain any homework not completed
- Homework is not always written.















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"cherishing all
of the children
of the nation equally"
Lakshya Education 2016









Code of Behaviour (School Rules)



School Uniform

 <p>Boys Blue Shirt €25.00 - €36.00 Select options</p>	 <p>Girls Blue Blouse €25.00 - €36.00 Select options</p>	 <p>Boys Grey Slim Fit Trousers €30.00 - €40.00 Select options</p>	 <p>Boys Grey Sturdy Fit Trousers €32.00 - €36.00 Select options</p>
 <p>Girls Grey Trousers €30.00 - €40.00 Select options</p>	 <p>Girls Grey Comfort Fit Trousers €32.00 - €36.00 Select options</p>	 <p>Grey Ankle Socks 2 Pair Pack €8.00 Select options</p>	 <p>Navy Ankle Socks 2 Pair Pack €8.00 Select options</p>
 <p>Navy Knee Socks 2 Pair Pack €8.00 Select options</p>	 <p>Pre-order Tiernan Boys Slip On Shoe €70.00 Select options</p>	 <p>Pre-order Suzst Gaby Girls WS Deck Shoe Navy Leather White Sole €70.00 Select options</p>	 <p>Pre-order Suzst Gaby Girls BS Deck Shoe Black Leather Black Sole €70.00 Select options</p>

Scoil Chonglais, Baltinglass

 <p>Scoil Chonglais Jumper €38.00 - €44.00 Select options</p>	 <p>Scoil Chonglais Kilt €58.00 - €66.00 Select options</p>	 <p>Scoil Chonglais Tie Read more</p>	 <p>Scoil Chonglais Jacket €60.00 Select options</p>
 <p>Scoil Chonglais Polo Shirt €26.00 €10.00 Select options</p>	 <p>Scoil Chonglais T-Shirt €25.00 Select options</p>	 <p>Scoil Chonglais New Tracksuit Top €40.00 Select options</p>	 <p>Scoil Chonglais Tracksuit Bottoms Crested €46.00 Select options</p>

<https://www.schooluniformsdirect.ie/secondary/scoil-chonglais-baltinglass>

Role of Guidance Counsellor

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The role revolves around 3 integrated areas of activity:

- a. **Personal/Social guidance and counselling.**
- b. **Educational guidance and counselling.**
- c. **Career guidance and counselling.**



Guidance Counsellor's Support for First Years

1

**Advising and supporting
Pastoral Care Team and
Student Support Team
(Management, Year Head,
Class Tutor, Subject
Teachers and Meitheal)**

2

**Responding to parental
concerns about their
son's/daughter's
academic progress and/or
wellbeing.**

3

**Working with self-
referrals or with those
referred by a friend.**

PREPARING FOR THE MOVE

- **Affirm** open lines of communication.
- **Encourage** son/daughter to express and discuss their concerns.
- **Establish** good dietary habits, breakfast and healthy snacks/lunch.
- **Monitor** mobile phone usage and access to other devices (**SCREEN TIME**)
- **Engage** in regular physical activity.
- **Enjoy** face to face time with family and friends.
- **Avoid** conflict at home or in school.
- **Enjoy** downtime, switch off.

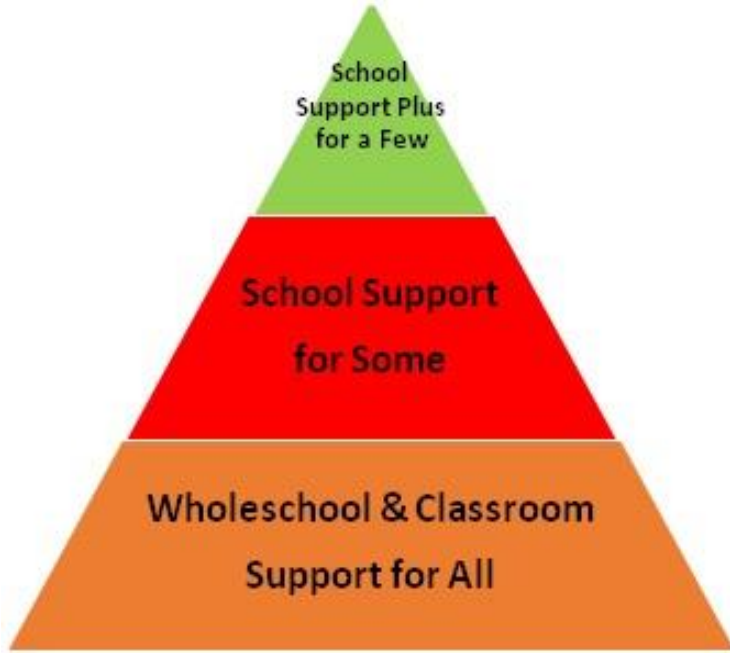
AEN Supports

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- Scoil Chonglais is an inclusive school and our aim is to enable all students to reach their potential.
- Following enrolment, members of the Additional Educational Needs (AEN) department liaise with primary schools and parents to establish the learning needs of incoming students.
- Standardised tests are carried out to examine what the needs of each student are as the assessments assist in identifying students who may require additional support.
- In consultation with parents and students, members of the AEN department carefully plan and co-ordinate student support.
- A team of dedicated and caring special needs assistants (SNA's) provide support to students with additional care needs.

AEN Supports



Students with additional needs may receive support within the classroom, through team teaching, in small groups, or in one-to-one tuition based on students' individual needs.

Interventions draw on evidence-informed practice, and the professional knowledge and experience of teachers; they reflect the priority learning needs of students, as well as building on their strengths and interests.

Students who have been granted an Irish exemption, based on language or learning needs, will receive support at times where Irish classes are normally scheduled.

Book Scheme

- No cost for Books or Stationery Free Books Scheme
- Books will be owned by the school and loaned to students and returned after the end of Junior Cycle.
- School books/ebooks, workbooks, novels, plays and exam papers.
- Some (not all) Core Classroom resources covered.





School Devices

- One important support that your child will benefit from at Scoil Chonglais is the 1:1 device that they will use to learn about new topics, to study, to revise, and to prepare projects.
- **The decision to use 1:1 devices in Scoil Chonglais was taken in order support learning while decreasing phone use.**
- Students regularly needs to consult different apps including MS Teams for notes and exam assistance, and for day-to-day class tasks.
- Students no longer need to use a phone to complete project work, and this means that they are spending more time away from social media with its distractions and pressures.
- The laptop gives the students access to a long list of supports and resources, to aid their learning. This list includes audio visual materials, revision tasks, quizzes, ready-made notes on PowerPoint, as well as mock and past exam materials, and sample exam answers.
- The 1:1 device serves to help your child, and it will give your child every advantage in preparing for exams at all levels.

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Learners

Through Technology

Wriggle's expert team work solely in the education sector providing managed laptops & tablets, technology training and tech support to schools, colleges, parents and students.



Questions

