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School Profile:

Coláiste Cholmcille is a co-educational multi-denominational post-primary school under the joint patronage of the Bishop of Raphoe and Clogher and Donegal ETB.

The appointment of a second Deputy Principal is as a result of our recent inclusion in DEIS from Sept 1st 2022.

The school has an enrolment of 631 as of 1st September 2021, comprising of 340 students in the Junior school and 291 in the Senior school. Coláiste Cholmcille invites enrolment to our ASD Unit which has two classes. The school offers a broad range of curriculum and operates a 1-hour timetable. Programmes on offer include the Junior Cycle, Transition Year, Leaving Certificate Applied, the Leaving Certificate and Leaving Cert Vocational Programme. Coláiste Cholmcille has state of the art facilities, 2 sports halls and an athletics track pending.

Community Schools provide a comprehensive system of post-primary education open to all the children of the local community. An innovative approach to delivery of a wide-ranging curriculum contributes to the spiritual, moral, mental, physical and social well-being of students within their community. Community Schools may also provide for life-long learning within their local community through the provision of adult education programmes.

Our school was established under the Deed of Trust and opened on 26 April 2002. Coláiste Cholmcille is an amalgamation of the Sacred Heart Secondary School, the De La Salle College and Ballyshannon Vocational School, built on a greenfield site in the centre of the town of Ballyshannon, Co. Donegal. The values of Donegal ETB as a multi-denominational State Body and the inherited traditions, Christian values and founding intentions of the Mercy Sisters and the Bishops of Raphoe and Clogher are enshrined in the characteristic spirit and in the life of our school and are respected and cherished.

The core values of Coláiste Cholmcille are care, respect, community, inclusion, equality, justice and fairness. These values combine to provide and support an atmosphere which is conducive to excellence in teaching and learning. We endeavour to assist each student to reach his/ her full potential in a calm, caring and creative environment.

Our values are reflected in how we live as a school community. The unique and intrinsic value of each member of the school community is recognised and respected. All are treated equally, regardless of race, gender, religion/belief, age, family status, marital status, civil status, membership of the Traveller community, sexual orientation, ability, disability or socio-economic status. All students are given equal opportunity for enrolment, in line with the Education (Admissions to School) Act (2018) construed in accordance with section 3 of the Equal Status Act 2000. Once enrolled, our school Coláiste Cholmcille provides all our students with equal opportunities to engage with the curriculum, school life and the local community.

Our school Coláiste Cholmcille provides a safe physical and social environment that reinforces a sense of belonging to the school community and wider society. We strive to enable every student to realise their full potential regardless of any aspect of their identity, culture or background. Our school promotes a fully inclusive education which recognises the plurality of identities, beliefs and values held by students, parents and staff. We prepare open-minded and responsible citizens with a strong sense of shared values with a view to contributing to a just and fairer society.

Our school is multi-denominational where we welcome, respect and support students of all religions and beliefs. The provision of religious education, religious worship and the work of the Chaplain all combine to reflect the founding intention of the school, the school's mission statement and the needs of the students within the school. The characteristic spirit of the school finds practical expression through the provision of pastoral, liturgical and social outreach activities, as appropriate, for each student.

In Coláiste Cholmcille, we celebrate the partnership, collaboration and empathy which nurtures and develops our young people in a community where the essence of our ethos is care and respect for self, others and our environment.