



St. Columba's College, Stranorlar, Co. Donegal.

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27th August 2025

Dear Parent/Guardian,

The current Board of Management of St Columba's College is coming to the end of its term of office and a new Board will commence on October 16th 2025 for a three-year term.

The Board of Management of a Voluntary Secondary School is charged with managing the school on behalf of the Trustees (CEIST). The Board comprises of eight members - four nominated by the Trustees, two elected by the parents and two elected by the teaching staff. All school policy in relation to Admissions, Finance, Employment, Pastoral Care, Discipline, Planning and Policy Formation etc. is set by the Board. The role of the Board is pivotal to the running of the school and a parent's perspective is a vital part of this. This work is done on a voluntary basis and while much of it is routine, nevertheless, it requires a commitment in terms of time and goodwill that is, perhaps, sometimes taken for granted. The role of parents on the Board is vital and the election of parent nominees should be given serious consideration. With the involvement of parents, teachers and Trustee nominees, Boards of Management in our schools represent a true example of local partnership and volunteerism in action. A special debt of gratitude is owed to all those who serve on Boards.

Please find enclosed a Nomination Form for Parents Nominees on the new Board. The completed Nomination Form must be returned to the school office marked '**Parent Nomination for Board of Management**' for the attention of the Secretary of the Board of Management by Friday, 5th September 2025. To be eligible a person must be a parent/legal guardian of a student enrolled in St. Columba's College for the year 2025/2026. Trustees, parents and teachers should take account of gender balance when nominating or electing members to the Board. **Please ensure that any parent you are nominating is willing to put their name forward for election and to serve on the Board.**

You will then be issued with a Ballot Paper of all parent nominees and asked to vote for your preferred choice. The names of the two parents who receive the most votes will be forwarded to CEIST for appointment to the Board of Management before October 16th 2025.

Yours sincerely

Mr. Tom Rowan
Principal & Secretary to the Board of Management

Principal: Mr. Tom Rowan

Deputy Principals: Mr. John Sweeney, Ms. Georgina White, Ms. Amanda Timony



Nomination Form for Parent Nominee on Board of Management
2025 to 2028

I (nominating person) wish to nominate the following to stand for election to the **Board of Management** of St. Columba's College.

1. Name: _____

Address: _____

2. Name: _____

Address: _____

Signed:

Date:

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Please return this form to the college in an envelope marked 'Parent Nomination for Board of Management' by Friday 5th September 2025.

Thank You

Principal: Mr. Tom Rowan

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