



19th of January 2024

Dear Parent/ Guardian,

We very much look forward to welcoming your son/daughter as part of our school community for the upcoming academic year. We hope to make the transition to Secondary School as smooth as possible for them and assist them in every way we can in embracing the new subjects and activities available to them in Boyne Community School.

To assist in helping the transition there are two events organised in the coming weeks.

We will be hosting a **Parent Information Evening** for all incoming First Year Parents on the evening of **Wednesday 7th of February**. At this meeting we will explain how students can use the information gained during the sampling day in selecting their option subjects for the next academic year. We will also be showing parents how they input the options onto VSware.

We will also be running a **Student Subject Sampler Day** on <u>Friday 9th of February from 9:00am until 1pm</u>. Short classes will be arranged and scheduled for the students on that morning and they will all attend each option subject over the course of the morning. There will be a short break around 11am and students are advised to bring a small snack for this break. Students do not need to bring anything else with them on the day, all materials will be provided.

The day will allow students to sample the following subjects;

Art	Business	Engineering
French	German	Home Economics
Music	Technical Graphics	Wood Technology

On the day students will be given a booklet with one page of information on each subject with a corresponding reflection piece to be completed at the end of each lesson. The hope is that students will leave with a realistic expectation of what that subject looks like in secondary school and how their talents and skills could best be pursued in relevant subject areas.

Parents / Guardians will need to make arrangements for their son/daughter to be dropped at Boyne Community school for 9am and be collected at 1pm. We have been in contact with all relevant Primary Schools and they are keen that as students transition to Secondary school they make informed and well guided decisions.

The information session on February 7th will provide further details on subject choices and making the transition to secondary school. We would encourage all parents to attend and we look forward to meeting you then.

Kind regards,

Principal