

Digital Strategy

2023-2028



Coláiste
Bhaile Chláir

School Vision

The school's **Vision** statement “*Together We Will Achieve*” reflects the hopes for our school and students where each of us wished to achieve to the best of our ability, while acknowledging that this can be better achieved through partnership.

The schools **Mission** statement reflects how we will achieve this vision by Caring, Developing, Praising and Believing in our students and by empowering them to also take personal responsibility for their growth and development. This is all mediated through a shared set of core **Values** which underpin everything we do.

Digital Strategy for Schools to 2028 Vision

“Empower schools to harness the opportunities of digital transformation to build digital competence and an effective digital education ecosystem so as to develop competent, critically engaged, active learners while supporting them to reach their potential and participate fully as global citizens in a digital world”

What do we want to achieve in CBC in our Digital Strategy

- Pillar 1:** Embed digital technologies in teaching, learning and assessment
- Pillar 2:** Develop our Digital Technology Infrastructure
- Pillar 3:** Teach safe and ethical use of the internet and digital technologies



**School Strategic Plan
2023-2028**

Goal 1: Living What We Value	Goal 2: Learning and Learners	Goal 3: Learning Climate
At Coláiste Bhaile Chláir we will create our future by living out our Vision, Mission and Core Values	At Coláiste Bhaile Chláir we will create our future by actively engaging learners in their learning, guided by best practice, in partnership and supported by the school community.	At Coláiste Bhaile Chláir we will create our future by optimising learning opportunities for all students and teachers.
Goal 1: Strategic Intention The ways we intend to enact this goal	Goal 2: Strategic Intention The ways we intend to enact this goal	Goal 3: Strategic Intention The ways we intend to enact this goal
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Actively enhance Positive Relationships within the school between students, teachers, parents and the wider school community. 2. To Recognise the positive contributions that students, parents, teachers and the wider school community have and do make to our Vision, Mission and Values 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. Building Students Learning Capacity through reflection, developing sense of ownership and personal responsibility for their learning and understanding of how to learn better 4. Building Teachers' professional capacity through collaboration and CPD. Embed our 5 strand CPD Plan for all teachers. 5. Ensuring our curricular and extra/co-curricular Opportunities meets the needs and interests of all learners. "Something for Everyone" 6. Develop a culture of Reflective practice and evaluation to plan for progress and development 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 7. Connection and Belonging: All students and staff feel accepted and part of CBC. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Underpinned by the ETBI Patrons framework. 8. Positive environment to support learning (both Physical and relational) in which all students and staff enjoy learning both in the classroom and outside.



Our Digital Strategy 2023-2028

Our Aims

To explore and implement the best use of Digital Technology to support Teaching Learning and Assessment strategies

To develop competent, critically engaged, active learners while supporting them to reach their potential and participate fully as global citizens in a digital world

In 2028, We Will Be Able to Say

Pillar 1: Embed digital technologies in teaching, learning and assessment

“We have established a culture of professional learning among all of our staff that supports the effective use of digital technologies inside and outside the classroom”

“All our learners have developed the digital skills necessary to navigate a complex digital world.”

Pillar 2: Develop our Digital Technology Infrastructure

“We have in place a digital physical and software infrastructure that enables the highest level of teaching, learning and assessment throughout our school”

“We have in place the best technical support, administrative structures, digital software and management information systems to support the entire school community”

Pillar 3: Teach safe and ethical use of the internet and digital technologies

“Our students and staff are aware of digital security that protects their wellbeing and wellbeing of others”

Action	Outcome Sought
Pillar 1: Embed digital technologies in teaching, learning and assessment	
Enhance teaching, learning and assessment practice in the school	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ All staff use digital technologies appropriately for teaching, learning and assessment strategies ➤ All students are empowered to become confident and competent digital learners through their use of OneNote, TEAMS and other digital technologies including AI. ➤ All students have equality of opportunity to access the curriculum to the best of their ability
Create an annual CPD plan in conjunction with the Assistant Principal for Teaching and Learning, AP for Wellbeing, AP for Assessment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Comprehensive learning plan that meets the needs of students, staff and parents
Review of each Junior Cycle One Note subject Master through the use of AI as part of a Co-Pilot Project	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Common sections across each subject Master to meet the needs of Junior cycle teachers and students ➤ Each class teacher adapts and effectively using the OneNote Subject master for use in their own classroom
Introduce Coding and Digital Media Literacy as a subject	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Students choosing Computer science at Senior Cycle are better prepared

Pillar 2: Develop our Digital Technology Infrastructure	
Develop a sustainable model for Technical Support	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Students and teachers have same day or next response to technical issues that arise
Develop an annual maintenance schedule for digital infrastructure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Reduce number of days downtime for any device or piece of software to zero days
Develop data protection and a digitally secure school	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ School is fully protected from harmful and malicious attacks on our digital network ➤ All users of our digital infrastructure demonstrate a strong sense of cybersecurity awareness in their actions and behaviour
Expand the use of Digital Technologies to support the inclusion of all students	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Each student has access to the appropriately physical and digital technologies to support their educational needs

Pillar 3: Teach safe and ethical use of the internet and digital technologies

Ongoing Promotion and education on the safe use of Digital Technologies	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Students understand how to use the Internet, social media and all digital communication in a safe, responsible and ethical manner➤ Students understand the impact and effects of cyberbullying
Establish a student team to promote safe and ethical use of the digital technologies	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Students disseminate information and share examples from the student body of the impact of cyberbullying, unsafe and unethical use of digital technologies. We hope that this will lead to a better understanding, empathy and shared collective responsibility

Achievements of our Digital Plan since 2013

1to1 digital devices for all Junior Cycle Students	Digital Textbooks created for all Junior Cycle Subjects and most Senior cycle subjects in OneNote			Computer Science as a Leaving certificate Subject	Microsoft TEAMS used in all classes	
		All staff provided with pen enabled touch screen devices		Microsoft Showcase School		
	Social Media coordinated using Hootsuite				School Digital Champion Programme recognition	
	2 Laptop Trolleys for Senior Cycle use		Microsoft TEAMS and One Note used as a collaboration tool and communication in all subject Departments	4 Day Technical Support provided in school	Digital Skills training plan for New staff	
Microsoft TEAMS used by each Leadership Team and Organisational Team in school including BOM	High Speed Wireless Infrastructure throughout the school		Seamless transition to online teaching during COVID			CPD Plan for Staff
			VSWARE rolled out to parents for communication, attendance, behaviour, subject options and assessments		Coding and Digital Media Literacy as Junior Cycle Taster and optional Subjects	
	SELFIE Completed and Actions detailed				2 Teleconferencing Suites Principals Office and AP1 Office	

Digital Technologies Policy Checklist	
Acceptable Use Policy	Yes
Health and Safety	Yes
Other ICT related policies:	Behaviour policy Yes Anti-bullying policy Yes

This Digital Strategy has been written for Coláiste Bhaile Chláir and has been presented to and approved by the Board of Management.