



26th August 2023

Statement from C.B.S. High School Clonmel.

The students, staff, Board of Management and parents of the C.B.S. High School Clonmel are in deep shock following the tragic accident that occurred last night.

It is with profound sadness and grief that we have learned about the devastating accident that resulted in the untimely and tragic loss of our past pupil Luke McSweeney and his sister Grace. We are holding their brother David in 5th year and their family in our hearts at this time. We are also extending our arms around The Murphy family at the loss of their beautiful daughter Nicole, brother to our 3rd Year student Ryan. We extend our heartfelt sympathies to the family & friends of Zoe Coffey who also lost her life in this tragedy.

We extend our deepest gratitude to the emergency services and Gardai who responded swiftly to the incident and we thank you for the difficult job you faced last night.

Our thoughts and prayers are with the Presentation Secondary School and the Loreto Secondary school who are deeply affected by the loss of their students.

There is no sense to be made of such a tragedy, our priority as a school now is the wellbeing and welfare of our students, parents and staff at this time. The CBS High School Critical incident team has met to coordinate a response and to enact the Critical Incident Plan.

We are grateful to the public for their expression of support and ask that we be given time and space to concentrate on supporting those in the school community who need it most.

Karen Steenson,
Principal.