

Principal's Welcome

As Principal of Danu Community Special School (Danu CSS) I would like to welcome you to our school website. Danu CSS was sanctioned in July 2019 by the Department of Education under the Patronage of Dublin and Dun Laoghaire Education and Training Board (DDLEIB). We welcomed our first students on 18th November 2019 in our temporary school facility that was based in the Hansfield Educate Together Secondary School. On 24th April 2022, the school moved into a six classroom school facility on the campus of the Rathdara Community College in Dublin 15. We are delighted to work with the Principal, Deputy Principal, BOM members, students and Parents of Rathdara CC.

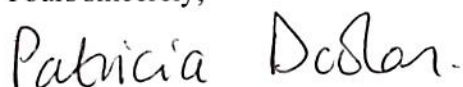
Our school is a center of excellence where high professional standards are maintained and where students learn and achieve in a safe, nurturing, and caring environment in partnership with all stakeholders. The well-being of all members of our school community is paramount.

Our vision provides a positive learning environment that enables every student to reach their full potential and gain the skills and tools necessary to engage in school life as well as life outside of school. Our school offers a broad, balanced and relevant curriculum that is child centered taking into consideration our individual student needs, abilities and learning styles.

We want our students coming to school happy and participating fully in school life. We recognise Parents as primary educators. We aim to provide purposeful and relevant learning opportunities so students can be as independent as possible and reach their full potential with joy, confidence and pride. Our students' achievements and accomplishments are acknowledged and celebrated. I truly believe every student in our school will feel cherished and valued and have the opportunity to develop and grow with confidence throughout their school years here and years beyond.

We aspire to being active members within the Dublin 15 community accessing the amenities available. We owe an immense gratitude to our stakeholders who tirelessly campaigned for the establishment of DDLEIB's first Special School, Danu CSS. For that we are truly grateful that our children have the opportunity to engage in an appropriate education that suits their needs.

Yours sincerely,



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