

Policy for Students with Special Needs -

*Its not that I don't know it
Its just that
I haven't found the way to learn it yet*

Rationale

The ECO through its Mission Statement, commits itself to:

- fostering the dignity, self-esteem and integrity of each individual
- collaborating on projects which make a difference

According to the Domremy College Mission Statement we empower students to:-

- recognise their self-worth and reach their potential
- work towards independence
- become women of courage
- promote the dignity of the human person
- work for justice
- challenge the values of society

In the light of the above Statements Domremy College aims to implement a policy for students with special needs which will ensure successful integration of these students into the school community and later into the wider adult community. The SSN students should be valued as an integral part of the school.

Outcomes

Domremy College aims to ensure that:

- students be given the opportunity to fulfil their academic, emotional and social potential
- special needs students' should be able to operate independently at school
- students become confident in moving into the wider community
- students develop skills to enable them to access the full school environment

Strategies

- classroom teacher and specialist teacher to liaise regularly and team teach where appropriate
- provide appropriate curriculum, assessment and reporting where necessary e.g. Yr.10 Life Skills Programme
- teachers to develop skills and appropriate techniques to cater for SSN in the classroom. (Inservicing where necessary).
- support teachers in collaboration with classroom teachers, parents and advisors would develop individualised educational programmes for SSN.
- classroom teacher to identify and report possible SSN to support teacher for assessment
- support teachers to maintain contact with appropriate outside agencies
- support teachers in collaboration with classroom teachers, parents and advisors would develop an individualised “transition plan” for SSN.