

Information Note

Ringsend College a City of Dublin ETB Post Primary Community College

Ringsend College: Introduction

Ringsend College is based in Ringsend alongside the Dublin docklands and is well positioned to best serve the educational needs of post primary age students from the Dublin South Inner City by offering an inclusive, progressive, co-educational, multi-denominational experience. The current enrollment of the Community College is 210.

The College is going through a period of transformation and growth. This is reflected in the educational delivery available in the College which is now solely for students wishing to enroll in either the Junior or Senior Cycle curriculum at post primary level, and the range of subjects and programmes on offer.



City of Dublin ETB: Introduction

City of Dublin ETB was established on 1st July 2013 under the Education and Training Boards Act, 2013. We are the state education and training authority for Dublin city with over 3,000 staff and 33,000 (full and part time) learners. We operate 27 schools and colleges including one Community National School, one Community Special School, two Community Hospital Schools, 11 Post Primary Schools. City of Dublin FET College is the largest provider of Further Education and Training in Ireland with over 30,000 learners. The College is made up of 10 faculties over four campuses across the city. We are also responsible for SUSI, the national awarding authority for student grants in Ireland. City of Dublin ETB supports the provision, coordination, administration and assessment of Youth Services in Dublin city and is the lead partner in Music Generation Dublin City.

City of Dublin ETB has a proud tradition of patronage of Post Primary Community Colleges within Dublin City. Our Post Primary Community Colleges are located throughout the city from Terenure in South Dublin to Coolock in North Dublin and across to Ballyfermot in West Dublin.

All of our Post Primary Community Colleges have their own unique Ethos that are derived from the communities in which they serve whilst embedding the overarching ETBI Values Excellence in Education, Community, Respect, Care and Equality. This ensures that all learners' potential is fulfilled in a positive, safe and caring environment.



Our vision for our Post Primary Community Colleges is to provide high-quality learning environments, where inclusion and diversity are recognised and welcomed. A variety of teaching methodologies cater for the variety of learning styles present in classrooms. The City of Dublin ETB has embraced the full benefits of technology-enhanced learning in our Post Primary Community Colleges.

City of Dublin ETB empowers our Principal and Deputy Principals to be effective and dynamic educational leaders. This begins with a comprehensive induction programme for newly appointed Deputy Principals and continues with an assigned Mentor. Our established network of supports for School Leaders includes weekly on-line and regular in-person meetings with the Director of Schools that ensures familiarity with



the most up-to-date innovations and requirements in education, whilst building collegiality with the Senior Leaders in our other Post Primary Community Colleges. This is in addition to the provision of Professional Learning Development opportunities which are available through the City of Dublin ETB and ETBI. Ringsend College, as part of the City of Dublin ETB, is supported by a well-resourced Head Office that supports School Leaders in the areas of school governance with a suite of supports that include a HR department, Finance department, Buildings and Maintenance Department and a Corporate Governance Department, all of whom provide guidance to ensure that schools are compliant with statutory obligations.

History of Ringsend College

Ringsend College has a rich history of delivering education in its community. In 1892 the original Pembroke Technical and Ringsend Fisheries School was built by the Earl of Pembroke as a Fishery and Nautical School in Ringsend. Its motto was 'PER MARE VIVIMUS – BY THE SEA WE LIVE'. The College was opened on Saturday 7th October 1893 and quickly became known as 'The Technical School' before being officially named the Ringsend Technical Institute.



The foundation stone for the new school, on the current site, was laid on Friday 23rd March 1979 and the first cohort of students began in September 1980. The school was officially opened on 15th April 1983 by the then Taoiseach Dr. Garret Fitzgerald. In 2011 the name of the school was changed from Ringsend Technical Institute to Ringsend College.

Throughout its years it changed direction many times, as society changed and new opportunities presented themselves. First as a school for fishermen, then of Automotive Engineering. It became a Trade's school, a metalwork teacher training centre, before becoming post primary school, incorporating post leaving certificate courses along with a night school.

In more recent years the school has transformed to become exclusively a Post Primary Community College with its most recent addition of having an Autism Special Class – called The Hub -which opened in September 2024.

Curriculum and Programme Offering in Ringsend College

Ringsend College has adapted its curriculum and programmes to ensure it meets the needs of learners in the community. In addition to the required subjects the curriculum offers Science, Geography, Materials Wood Technology, Construction, French, Home Economics, Art, Business, IT (Digital Literacy), Leaving Certificate Physical Education, Business. Ringsend College will also implement Identity Multi-Belief and Values Education (IMBVE) from September 2025.

The College offers a range of programmes to students enrolled, including:

Junior Cycle

- Junior Cycle Profile of Achievement (JCPA)
- Junior Cycle School Programme (JCSP)
- Level 1 / Level 2 Programme (L1/L2LP)

Senior Cycle

- Transition Year
- Leaving Certificate Traditional (LC)
- Links Module / Leaving Certificate Vocational Programme (LCVP)
- Leaving Certificate Applied (LCA)

Each student in the Ringsend College has access to a one-to-one device (chrome books). The Ringsend College currently uses Google software but will be migrating to Microsoft 365 in the upcoming academic year.

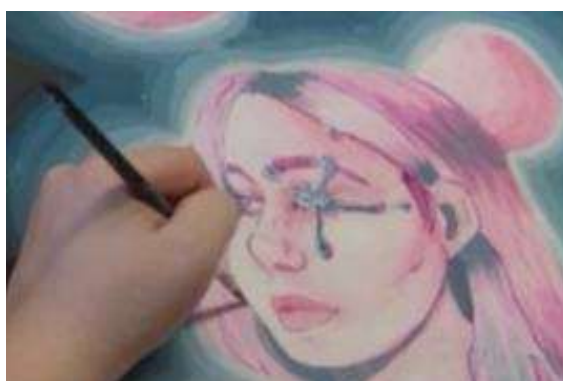


Facilities

Ringsend College has a number of facilities available for students including:

Autism Special Class	Sports Hall	Stage Area	Art Room
Sensory Room	Science Laboratory	JCSP Library	GP Area
Home Economics	Woodwork	Metalwork Room	Range of Classrooms

There is also the option to develop spaces within Ringsend College into other types of learning spaces to suit the needs of Ringsend College as it grows and the curriculum evolves.



Delivering Equality of Opportunity in Schools - Action Plan For Improvement

Ringsend College participates in the Delivering Equality of Opportunity in Schools action plan for improvement (DEIS). (see [DEIS Plan 2017](#) and [Circular 0034/2023](#)) As a result students, and their families, who attend Ringsend College can access support from:

- Home School Community Liaison Services (HSCL)
- School Completion Programme
- School Based Meals

In addition, Ringsend College benefits from receipt of additional teaching resources and funding streams from the Department of Education and Youth along with tailored support from OIDE.



Supporting students with additional needs

Ringsend College has a range of students with differing abilities which it is committed to supporting. Ringsend College is in receipt of an allocation of almost 4 whole time teachers to support students in mainstream classes to include English as an Additional Language (EAL), with a separate teaching allowance for students in the Autism Special Class. In recent years Ringsend College has undergone an Inspection and follow-up Inspection on the delivery of Special Educational Needs education.

Inspection Reports

Ringsend College welcomes guidance and support through Inspections carried out by the Department of Education and Youth. Most recent inspections include :

- [Follow Through Inspection 2025](#)
- [Evaluation of Provision for Students with Additional and Special Educational Needs 2023](#)
- [Supporting Safe Provisioning of Schooling - 2022](#)
- [Evaluation of Action Planning for Improvement in DEIS Schools – 2019](#)

Community Links

Ringsend College has a number of community links with local feeder primary schools, local businesses and local people. These include :

Feeder Primary Schools

- Taster Days
- Science Week

Community

- Community Games Night
- Strong relationship with RICCYs
- Fundraising for charities

Businesses

- Ringsend College has benefited from funding from the Community Gains Fund
- Links with businesses based in the docklands who support students with work experience



Future Growth at Ringsend College

City of Dublin ETB believes Ringsend College is a key component in the rapidly changing local community. Ringsend and the communities adjacent to it are seeing a large rise in residential development. For example the Pembroke Quater will see an additional 10,000 people moving into the area. This is in addition to other residential developments such as Parkside Development, Beach Road Development and other developments of various sizes that are at different stages of completion.

City of Dublin ETB sees a strong future growth in enrollment at Ringsend College which they are preparing for through the restructuring of the curriculum and programme offering, whilst also benefiting from positive profiling in the community through their community links and Parents Association. This work is fully supported by its Board of Management.

Ringsend College will respond to the increasing demand for school places by strategically seeking opportunities to further promote itself as the school of choice for people living in the area.



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