

DCC Board of Management Parent Representative Nominees

Male Candidates:

Mr. Ciarán Handley



Hi everyone! Thank you for considering me for a parents' rep position on our School's Board of Management.

I've got five boys, three of which currently attend DCC in 2nd, 3rd and 4th years, while the younger two are in primary school. For the past year, I've been an active member of the school's Parents' Council as I'm passionate about improving the school environment, enhancing communication between parents and the school administration, and supporting the academic and social well-being of all students.

In addition to my involvement in the Parents' Council, I've always been actively involved in the local community. I've previously served on the committee for Swords Cycling Club, helping organise and run events, etc. I've also previously volunteered on the local Community Council.

My day job is working at Google as a Systems Engineering Manager, where I lead a team of software and systems engineers responsible for building and maintaining internal IT infrastructure. I also help run the company's Transition Year work experience programme, as well as being involved with a relatively new Apprenticeship programme.

I believe my experience in leadership, combined with a passion for education and community involvement make me an ideal candidate for parents' representative on the school board of management. I'm committed to investing time and effort to ensure that your voices are heard by the Board of Management and to work to improve our fantastic school for everyone.

Mr. Rory Minto



Hi my name is Rory Minto. I've lived in Donabate for over 20 years. I have 4 children, 2 of which have gone through DCC and 2 are currently still in DCC. I'm on the committee of St Itas AFC and act as the Honorary Secretary of the club and manage one of the 15s boys football team. I hope you'll consider voting for me to be the Parents Representative on the Board of Management.

Mr. Peter Bryans



Peter is 52, married to Lynn and they have 5 children, 2 girls (22 and 20) are past pupils of DCC, and 3 boys are currently in 6th, 3rd and 1st year.

Peter has lived in Donabate since 2004, and has been involved in ownership and operations of a number of businesses, including weddingsonline.ie, artmaterials.ie and donabatedexter.ie. (rare breed cattle breeding, farm and food business).

Peter is a graduate of Trinity College Dublin with a B.A. Mod.(honours) in Management Science and Information Systems Studies (1997).

Peter served on the DCC parents' council for the 2016/2017 academic year, and currently serves as a non-executive director of a number of commercial and charitable boards.

Peter is a committed Christian and is a leading member of a local non-denominational Christian community group, he is a member of Beaverstown golf club, and also enjoys hiking and horse riding.

Mr. Darren Laird



My name is Darren Laird. I am 54 years old. I've lived in The Links in Donabate since 2001. I work for myself in the distribution business. My children Noah (3rd year) and Zoe (first year) currently attend DCC. I have previously managed football teams for St.Ita's AFC. I've served on the golf committee in Beaverstown GC where I am a current member. I'm currently Chair of the The Links Resident's Association.

Female Candidates:

Ms. Ita White

My name is Ita White, and I have three children, two of them are past pupils of DCC and my youngest daughter is in 3rd year. I would like to represent the voice of parents on the Board of Management. I have a range of volunteer experience that has helped develop the skills I believe are needed to participate constructively on the Board of Management.



Roles include:

- Member of the parents' council of my children's primary school
- Member and chair of Donabate Community Council for several years
- Cub leader with the local scout group for 7 years
- Volunteer with St Ita's AFC and
- DCC parents council.

My professional experience and skills have also equipped me to be an active and effective Board member dedicated to representing the diverse perspectives of our parent community. With a

background as a scientist and trainer along with a Master's in Education and Training management, I have a deep understanding of the complexities and challenges faced by our school management. I would like to work with the school management team and the Board to further enhance the full educational experience of all our children.

I am passionate about the "community" aspect of our community college and I will do my best to represent the voice of parents if I am successful in this election. I respectfully ask for your support and vote in this election to serve as your representative on the School Board of Management.

Ms. Ann Murphy



Ann Murphy, has lived in The Links in Donabate for 27 years, and has three children - Ben (24) who graduated from Donabate Community College in 2019, Abby (18) who is in 6th year, and Seán (16) who is in Transition Year. Ann has a Degree in Business Studies from Trinity College and has been the Head of Procurement for Axa Insurance for over 23 years.

Over the past four years, Ann has seen firsthand the many challenges that students with additional needs encounter. Ann recognises the importance of school support and is passionate about advocating on behalf of these students and their families.

Ann has always played an active role in her community, as a member of DCC Parents Council since April '24 and on the

Board of Directors for Baseball Ireland since 2018. Whether in work or through her volunteer roles, Ann is known for her excellent communication and organisational skills, and works well as a supportive team member. Ann is also a member of Lambay Sports Academy - a keen runner with over 150 Park Runs, and many half marathons to date, with plans to take on the Dublin City Marathon later this year.

Ms. Patricia Gray



I am a mother of three children with my oldest child commencing at DCC in 2024. I have been actively involved in PTA and Parents Association Committees at two local schools where my children have been attending. Over the past eight years, I have undertaken many roles at Scoil Phádraic Cailíní Parents Association Committee including Chairperson, Secretary NPC representative and Deputy Chairperson where I currently have a daughter in 6th class. I am also in my second year of participation on the PTA at DPETNS where my youngest child is in senior infants. Becoming involved in my children's schools has been very rewarding and I feel very fortunate to have formed wonderful friendships with amazing parents in our local community.

Professionally, I have worked in the Third Level Education Sector for almost twenty five years. I currently work for Technology Services at Technological University Dublin as a Cloud Solutions Architect leading the Cloud and Collaborative Solutions Team with

a firm focus on the Microsoft 365 suite of technologies that are also in use at DCC.

I would welcome the opportunity to continue to be involved in the local community and specifically at DCC and am always happy to help where I'm needed.