

E-Learning Case Study: Rosemont Secondary School Blackrock

ROSEMONT Secondary School for Girls in Blackrock launched the learning management system, Moodle, in September 2008 to allow students to review class material, explore the web and learn from vetted, teacher-approved materials and web-sites.

Rosemont engaged Enovation Solutions as their services partner on the project because, as Ireland's leading Moodle partner, Enovation had the best knowledge and expertise to help Rosemount with their implementation. Enovation customised Moodle to suit Rosemount's individual needs. Enovation also provided comprehensive staff training on how to use the

system and continue to provide technical support and advice to the school.

Since its launch the students are already seeing positive results from using Moodle. Sixth year geography student Mary Sinnott from Dun Laoghaire likes the idea of being able to supplement a textbook with images and web links:

"It makes learning more interesting, you're able to just go on your computer and see what teachers have posted," she says. "With geography it's really good because there is a ton of fact-based information to learn."

Teachers at Rosemont are also learning and developing methods for making the most of Moodle in their teaching:

"It has lots of potential," says geography teacher Bernice Martin. "I have been using Moodle to issue geography homework assignments and share PowerPoint presentations with students. I have so many photos and diagrams for geography which really help students develop a better understanding of the subject, but you just don't always have time to get through all the material in class."

"This way interested students can log-on and explore. You're enabling them to learn more about particular subjects that interest them."

Art teacher Heather Hall is thrilled at being able to upload hundreds of images, giving her classes the opportunity to explore everything from Ireland's Neolithic art to Picasso's blue period.

"For a keen student it really broadens their horizons," says Ms. Hall. "I add images with appropriate captions, and I provide links to useful websites for my students. "

