

## **St Columba's N.S. Ethos Statement**

**Adopted by the Board of Management on 12<sup>th</sup> Sept 2003, the teachers on 12<sup>th</sup> Sept 2003, the parents on 30<sup>th</sup> March 2004. Reviewed by the Board of Management on 13<sup>th</sup> May 2009.**

St Columba's N.S. is sponsored by The Church of Ireland Parish of Drumcondra, North Strand and St. Barnabas and is under the patronage of The Church of Ireland Archbishop of Dublin. The school is part of the local church community and has firm links with the parish; e.g. the pupils attend services in the parish church and the rector visits the school on a regular basis.

St Columba's N.S. is a community where all students are equally valued and respected – irrespective of gender, social background, family circumstances, educational achievements, physical characteristics or intellectual functioning. The school seeks to provide a climate in which pupils experience a sense of caring and belonging and of being treated fairly.

St Columba's N.S. aims to serve it's community by:

- Providing education of the highest quality within the context of Christian belief and practice
- Encouraging an understanding of the meaning and significance of faith.
- Promoting Christian values through the experience it offers all its pupils.

The work of the school is conducted in an atmosphere of tolerance and respect for religious differences. Pupils are expected to participate in the whole life of the school, in so far as it does not infringe their constitutional rights.

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