

# Learning by Moodling online

A SOUTH Dublin school is taking learning to the web after launching their very own Moodle, a customised online learning environment designed to make it easy for teachers to share fun links and extra information with students.

Moodle is an open-source software programmes being used in universities across the country.

Using Moodle, teachers can post vetted links, photos, diagrams and presentations, while students can log-on, review class material, learn from teacher-approved web-



Colleen Pigott and Sarah Dunne learn how to use Moodle

sites, and even upload items to share with their classmates.

"We're trying to take homework to a new level, and give students the opportunity to explore what interests them from their home computer,"

says teacher Bernice Martin. "Since many students spend time online after school, it's the perfect vehicle," she says.

Some classes at Rosemont are using the Moodle to share resources. A recent art assign-

ment had an entire transition year class searching the web for images they needed in order to complete their next assignment. Once they found the perfect image they uploaded it to the Moodle to share with their class, gaining access to the images posted by their classmates by logging-in.

"For a keen student it really broadens their horizons," says art teacher Heather Hall. "By logging on, exploring and even adding their own material, they're directing their learning and engaging in a meaningful way."