



## Key Information

### **DNI School Day Timetable**

8.20am	School is open to students
8:45am	School starts
10:40 – 11:00am	Morning tea break
12:25- 12:35pm	Lunch eating (seated in classrooms)
12:35- 1:25pm	Lunch break (warning bell at 1.20pm)
2:55pm	End of school bell
3.10pm	All students to have left site

### **Buses**

DNI is well placed for bus access. The St Clair/Normanby bus, along with the Opoho/Shiel Hill bus travels through town to the Gardens regularly. Bus services also run from Pine Hill, Sawyers Bay and Waikouaiti to DNI.

### **Camp/Education Outside The Classroom (EOTC)**

We hold an overnight camp in February each year. The purpose of this camp is to allow students to make friends in a non-classroom environment as well as taking part in activities that will challenge them. We alternate a Marae Stay (odd years) with an outdoor education camp (even years). Additionally, there are always a number of EOTC activities offered in electives (which run in Term 2 and Term 4 each year) and at least one elective involves overnight stays for those keen on longer camps.

### **Modules**

Modules is a specialist teaching programme that includes twelve 90 minutes lessons in each of the following subjects: music, art, wood and metal technology, food and fabric technology. All students participate in all six modules every year on a rotational basis.

### **Music Lessons**

All students participate in a music module each year. Additionally we encourage as many students as possible to learn a musical instrument, and most classes take place during school hours. Itinerant music teachers are employed to run these classes and they involve a small cost.

### **After School Art Classes**

Julie Butler, our Textiles' teacher, is also an artist and offers individual and small group tuition for students attending DNI. Kerry and Pamela (our art teachers) also offer after school art classes. More detailed information about 2017 days and times will be available towards the end of the term.

### **Bring Your Own Device**

The school encourages the use of digital technology in the classroom for learning. Children who bring an internet device or tablet to school can have it connected to the school wi-fi network and are safeguarded through the school-based internet security. Students using personal devices are able to complement our classroom computers and iPads. Catering to the needs of children growing up in the modern world is a part of the DNI teaching and learning philosophy.

### **Canteen Menu**

DNI operates a canteen. All students are asked to place their lunch orders at the student office by 11am every morning. There is a form available on the student counter, money and order to be put into the bags provided and posted in the mail slot.

The canteen menu is currently going through a student lead overhaul in an effort to provide fresher, healthier options.

### **Uniform**

Our uniform is available through Adventure Outfitters on Princes Street or you may be able to purchase second hand items on Trade Me. The 2017 uniform has some additions to ensure that our uniforms are as comfortable and gender neutral as possible. The full uniform policy is included in this pack.

V Neck Vest w DNI Logo	\$ 85.00	Black dress shorts	\$ 50.00
Microfleece w DNI Logo	\$ 49.00	Black dress Pants	\$ 60.00 (Terms 2 and 3 only)
Polo Shirt w DNI Logo	\$ 37.00	Culottes	\$ 60.00
Sports Top w DNI Logo	\$ 37.00	DNI Socks	\$ 15.00
Sports Shorts	\$ 20.00	Kilt	\$ 135.00
V Neck Jersey w DNI Logo	\$ 89.00		

### **Homework**

Homework expectations are negotiated between teachers and parents. We are really happy to cater to the needs of your family. A letter will come home at the start of next year inviting your feedback around this. Regular reading is however an expectation across the school.

### **After School Care and Holiday Programmes**

Playball operate from DNI in the school holidays, and when there is a demand for after school care. More information can be found here: <http://www.playball.co.nz/>

### **Mobile Phones**

As mobile phones become more accessible schools are needing to consider management of mobile phone use. At DNI we accept that many children have phones and that they are a necessary communication method for parents after and before school.

From time to time students will be invited to use their phone during school time for a learning activity. Teachers will make this invitation very clear.

At all other times between 8.45am and 3pm, we expect that mobile phones are switched off and out of sight. Students are invited to check phones for messages from parents between 12.25 and 12.35pm (the designated seated lunch period).

If you need to contact your child urgently outside of these times please phone the school office.