



**DNI YEAR 7 2017  
ORIENTATION EVENING  
INFORMATION PACK  
Thursday 17 November, 2016**

# Introduction - Orientation Night

The purpose of this evening is:

- To allow students to feel comfortable in the DNI environment
- To address as many unknowns for students as possible
- To answer as many parent questions as possible
- To introduce students to people from other contributing schools

## Programme

**5:30pm** Welcome! (Heidi and Year 7 Council Members - timetable, modules, electives, sports, music, cultural)

**5:45pm** Questions

**5:55pm** Mingle, ask questions, BBQ!

## Key Dates Timeline

The 2017 Term One start date is Tuesday 31 January, at 8:45am.

We will begin the year with a mihi whakatau (welcome) and parents are most welcome to join us for this.

- Year 7 students (and parents) assemble in the Design Lobby. Please arrive between 8:30 and 8:45am.
- Year 8 students gather in the school hall, with the Staff and begin the mihi whakatau at 8:45am, followed by refreshments. This should take about 45-50 minutes in total.

### December 2016

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| Friday 16   | Last Day of School 2016                                 |
| Thursday 22 | 4:30pm - Adventure Outfitters close for Christmas Break |

### January 2017

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| Wednesday 11 | Adventure Outfitters re-open (Mon - Thurs, 7:30-4:30pm; Fri 7:30-2:00pm) |
| Mid January  | Class placements will be emailed out                                     |
| Monday 23    | Office re-opens, 9am - 3pm daily   |
| Friday 27    | Teacher Only Day   |
| Monday 30    | Teacher Only Day   |

### February 2017

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| Early February | Meet the Teacher evening                                 |
| Late February  | Marae based camps (one night sleepover) for all students |

### School Day Timetable

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| 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       |

### Office Open Dates

Our school office will close on December 16 and will reopen on 23 January, 9am.

### School Donation / Modules Costs

The school donation for 2017 has been set by the BOT at \$75. The Modules cost is \$85 for the year, this is a recoverable fee which is used to purchase the products and goods required to run the six module classes. These are payable by bulk payment in February, term by term or by direct credit on a regular basis. We also have eftpos facilities in the office. Please talk to Anne or Helen about the option which best suits you.

### Stationery

DNI will be using OfficeMax myschool. This provider guarantees their product both in terms of quality and price. This facility will be available online from early December at [www.myschool.co.nz/Dunedinnorth](http://www.myschool.co.nz/Dunedinnorth); The Stationery List will also be available on our school website. We expect that children will have their stationery by **Wednesday February 1 at the very latest.**

## **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. For the timetable please visit [www.dni.school.nz](http://www.dni.school.nz)

## **Camp**

We will be holding an overnight camp in February. The purpose of the camp is to allow students to make friends in a non-classroom environment as well as taking part in activities that will challenge them.

The Puketeraki Marae has been booked for the period February 20 - 28. The cost for the camp will be no more than \$70 per student. Additionally, there are always a number of EOTC (Education Outside The Classroom) activities offered in electives (which run in Term 2 and Term 4 each year) and at least one elective involves overnight stays.

## **Music Lessons (*Term time only*)**

At DNI we offer a range of options for learning a musical instrument. Itinerant music teachers are employed to run these classes and they involve a small cost. Most lessons take place during the school day and you can sign up for music lessons here: <http://tinyurl.com/dnimusic2017>

Please let us know if you require hardship funding to enable your child to attend music lessons. All of these classes blend with, and complement, the school music programme.

## **Summer Sports**

Engagement in sports is a great way to keep fit and learn valuable social skills. We offer a range of options and we're always keen to offer more where there is enough interest. You can sign up for summer sports here: <http://tinyurl.com/summersportst12017>

## **After School Art Classes (*Term time only*)**

Julie Butler, our Textiles' teacher, is also an artist and offers individual and small group tuition for students attending DNI. Classes will be based on fifteen students per session.

Cost per student, per session, is \$15.00 including materials, visiting guest artists and supervision. There is a range of interesting project ideas for students. The lessons are available Monday and Tuesday, 3:15 - 5:15pm during term time. If you are interested, please contact Julie Butler on Ph: 029-200 3533, 473 0173 or [julieb@dni.school.nz](mailto:julieb@dni.school.nz)

## **Class Placement Letter**

In mid January we will email a letter to enrolled students advising of their class teacher and when parents and students can call at school to meet with their teacher in the classroom environment before school starts.

## **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.

At the beginning of the year children and parents are required to sign an internet agreement policy. Any breach will result in the removal of internet privileges.

### 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 at 455 Princes Street (Ph: 477 5304) or you may also 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.

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| 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             | Sweatshirt         | \$ 45.00                      |
| Formal School Shoes      | See guide on website |                    |                               |

PE shoes - sports/gym shoes

Adventure Outfitters will be able to advise the appropriate socks required, depending on the options chosen OR the full Uniform Policy and School Shoe guide are available on the school website

[www.dni.school.nz](http://www.dni.school.nz)

Please also note that coloured hair (other than natural colours) is not acceptable.

See Key Date Timeline for the days and times Adventure Outfitters.

### Blanket Permission

At the start of next year you will be asked to sign a blanket permission slip that grants us permission to take children off school grounds for learning experiences. This saves us seeking permission for each and every activity. We will however inform you of outings ahead of time and will also seek written permission for high risk activities and any event that requires an overnight stay.

### School Hours

School is open for students from 8:20am in the mornings. While there may well be staff here earlier than this we can not guarantee that your children will be supervised so we ask that you do not drop off children before 8:20am.

School finishes at 2:55pm. With the exception of children that wait for the north line bus (Waitati, Warrington, Karitane, Waikouaiti), we expect that all students leave school at 3pm.

### **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.

Using phones at other times in the day will result in the phone being removed from the student and returned at 3pm. We take no responsibility for phones that are removed in this instance.

We also ask for your support in ensuring that appropriate methods of conflict resolution are maintained. We are finding that students' telephone or text their parents during the day if a conflict arises between another student or a teacher. Children are often very upset at this point, and consequently parents feel very anxious about their child, and it is not uncommon for the office staff or principal to receive a phone call from a parent before a child has even reported an incident to a teacher. We need time to resolve issues at school and we ask that you direct your child to a teacher, rather than taking the issue up for them, if they communicate with you during the school day. If an issue remains unresolved by 3pm then by all means get in touch with your child's teacher.

### **Homework**

Homework is one of those topics that polarise people! There are always as many families requesting homework as there are vehemently opposed to it.

For this reason we are flexible with homework. We do expect children to get involved in a range of extra-school learning activities including sports, music, computing clubs etc. We also expect children to read regularly.

Teachers will outline their own expectations around homework at the Meet the Teacher night. If these expectations do not work for your family you are welcome to negotiate an alternative with the teacher (please make an appointment to do this).

### **School Photos**

Kelk Photography will be here on Wednesday February 1, for individual and class photos. Please ensure students are at school on time.

### **Health and Participation**

We've had a particularly difficult year with illness in 2016. It is really important that children are kept at home when they are unwell to limit the spread of illness. Equally, we expect that all students present at school are able to participate in the school programme (swimming, PE etc). If your child is unwell, or not well enough fully to participate in the school day, then the best place for them is bed, with a hottie :)

We thank you for your support with this.