



Key Information 2020

DNI School Day Timetable

8:25am	School is open to students
8:55am	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.

Reporting and Communication

We are committed to providing clear and timely information about how students are progressing. Parents/caregivers receive a behaviour and attitude report every three weeks and this helps to ensure that we are all on the same page about how things are going at school. We are firmly focussed on *progress*. You will receive a baseline report in Term 1 setting out where we have assessed your child is working at in literacy and numeracy. We aim for all of the students at DNI to make expected progress against their own start point. There are two sets of formal 'learning discussions' during the year, but you are most welcome to meet with teachers more regularly if you wish. All students have an on-line folder that assessment is regularly uploaded to.

Noho Marae/Education Outside The Classroom (EOTC)

We hold an overnight EOTC stay in February each year. The purpose of this EOTC experience 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 Noho Marae (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 3 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/metal technology, digital, 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.

Sports

At DNI we offer a full complement of summer and winter sports, including: Rippa, Futsal, Waterpolo, Touch, Volleyball, Triathlon, Basketball, Netball, Hockey, Badminton, Table Tennis. We also participate regularly in tournaments for Rugby and Cricket.

After School Art Classes

Julie Butler, our Textiles' teacher, is also an artist and offers individual and small group after school tuition for students attending DNI. More detailed information about 2020 days and times will be available towards the end of the year.

Bring Your Own Device

The school encourages the use of digital technology in the classroom for learning. Children who bring an internet capable device 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.

Uniform

The majority of our uniform is available through **Adventure Outfitters**, 455 Princes Street, Dunedin (Ph: 477 5304). You may also be able to purchase second hand items via Trade Me or the Facebook group Dunedin School Uniform Buy/Sell/Swap. The full uniform policy is included in this pack.

V Neck Vest w DNI Logo	\$ 89.00	Black dress shorts	\$ 50.00
Microfleece w DNI Logo	\$ 49.00	Black dress Pants	\$ 65.00 (Terms 2 and 3 only)
Polo Shirt w DNI Logo	\$ 37.00	Culottes	\$ 65.00
Sports Top w DNI Logo	\$ 37.00	DNI Socks	\$ 15.00
Sports Shorts	\$ 20.00	Caps/Hats	\$ 14.00
V Neck Jersey w DNI Logo	\$ 99.00	Kilt	See below

Note: The kilt (\$125) is supplied through NZ Uniforms located at 124 Crawford Street (Ph: 929 1213)

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, as is participation in sports and or cultural pursuits.

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 8:55am 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.