



# Key Information

## 2025

### 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
3:05pm	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 assessment folder that assessment is regularly updated.

### Noho Marae/Education Outside The Classroom (EOTC)

We hold an overnight EOTC stay in Term 1 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 minute lessons in each of the following subjects: music, art, wood/metal technology, digital, food, fabric and biotechnology. 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 in tournaments for Rugby and Cricket.

### After School Art Classes

Julie Butler, our fabric and biotechnology teacher, is also an artist and offers small group after school tuition for students attending DNI. More detailed information about 2025 days and times will be available towards the end of the year. Please note there will be a limited number of spaces available in 2025.

### Bring Your Own Device

The school encourages the use of digital technology in the classroom for learning *at appropriate times*. 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. Phones are not useful as learning devices and are not allowed to be used during school hours.

### 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.

Microfleece w DNI Logo	\$ 50.00	Black dress shorts	\$ 50.00
Polo Shirt w DNI Logo	\$ 38.00	Black dress Pants	\$ 65.00 (Terms 2 and 3 only)
Sports Top w DNI Logo	38.00	Culottes	\$ 65.00
Sports Shorts	\$ 20.00	DNI Socks	\$ 15.00
V Neck Jersey w DNI Logo	\$ 105.00		
		Kilt	See below

**Note: The kilt (\$125) is supplied through NZ Uniforms located at 342 Lower Moray Place (Ph: 929 1213)**

*Pricing is current as of July 2024, but may be subject to change.*

### Homework

Homework is a polarising subject! We generally do not set homework, but 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 you know, phones are not allowed to be used while at school in NZ. We have had a no phones at school policy for a number of years now. More and more we are finding that our students are distracted by, or even addicted to screens and that this is negatively impacting learning and positive social engagement. If your child does not need to bring a phone at all then that's great, however we accept that many children have phones and that they are a communication method for parents before and after school.

Students do not have access to phones between 8:45am and 2.55pm. Students who need to communicate with parents and caregivers can do so with arrangement through their teacher, or via the office. If you need to contact your child urgently within these times, please phone the school office.

[\(See DNI policy here\)](#)