

MANA

This is the school's system for teaching positive behaviour for learning.

The MANA Values:

- Respect** – Being caring and considerate
- Diligence** – Achieve your personal best
- Integrity** – Be honest and trustworthy
- Service** – Help and be actively involved

The MANA system rewards students displaying positive behaviours.

Each day students who show all four MANA values get the tracking sheet in their school diary signed off by the classroom teacher. If they achieve this 80% or more they qualify for the MANA reward days.

Fortnightly goals are set for the whole school. Expected behaviours are then taught in every class. Students who display the expected behaviours are rewarded with MANA tickets that accumulate and are exchanged for rewards.

Expectations for behaviour are clear and consistent. Inappropriate behaviours have set consequences, and opportunities are provided for students to reflect on and modify their behaviour.



MANA Day giant water fight



MANA Day at the beach

Opportunities

Devon Intermediate offers an amazing array of opportunities for students to try new things, build on their strengths and discover their passion.

The Attitude for Excellence encourages students to participate in; Academics, Sports,



The Arts and Community Service/Duties. As students participate in activities in these areas they earn points towards their Merit badges. Get all four and you earn your Overall Attitude for Excellence.

There are too many opportunities to list them all but here are some to consider;

- Kapa Haka, Pasifika, Ukulele and Choir as well as a full school production.
- From Surfing to triathlon, basketball to badminton, or rugby to indoor bowls we have a sport for everyone.
- A range of school based monitors and student leadership. SPCA events and cooking meals for the residents of Jean Sandel, Teddy Bears picnics for pre-school children.
- Challenge yourself with international tests, maths and science fairs, debating and speeches.

Enrichments allow students to select an activity to participate in including yearbook, graduation ball, rock band, movie making and future leaders.

Each student at Devon Intermediate also gets to experience and develop hands on skills in Technology in Hard materials Metal and Wood, Food technology and Music.



AIMS Games 7's Team



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Diligence
Integrity
Service
Respect

Our Mission:

To inspire our students with opportunities for success that empowers them to discover and develop their strengths in a positive learning environment



Achievement

The core business of a school is learning. At Devon Intermediate we have a proven ability to accelerate learning for our students.

In 2013 97% of students made expected or accelerated progress in reading with 74% making accelerated progress of more than 1 year within a calendar year.



Targeted Group Teaching

We consistently have students achieving at a high level. In both Reading and Mathematics we dramatically exceeded the national expectation of students attaining a Stanine 9 (the highest possible result) last year. The national expectation is 4% we had 14% of our students achieving at this level in Reading and 11% in Mathematics.



We believe in targeted learning and organise our teaching and learning programmes to meet the needs of the individual learners.

Prime learning time is a feature of Devon Intermediate School. The first teaching block of each day is uninterrupted with all students in their own classes participating in targeted learning in Reading, Writing and Mathematics. We help to set all students up for success by teaching goal setting and organisational skills.

We have high achievers that are very successful in a range of regional, national and international competitions. Room 5 was No.1 in N.Z. and No.7 in the world for the Mangahigh Maths Challenge earlier this year.

Inclusion

All students that attend Devon Intermediate are treated fairly and with respect. All learners have their individual learning needs catered for in class. Programmes are modified to include all students.

School-wide events like Swimming Sports, Cross Country and Athletics have two levels – Participation and Championships. This allows all students to achieve at their level.

At Devon Intermediate we are proudly culturally diverse and a true representation of the New Zealand and global community.

Our Academies allow every student to have input into which class best suits them and their learning. Academic, Science and Technology, Creative Arts and Sports Academy classes provide opportunities for students to follow their passion with a teacher who has similar interests and strengths.

At Devon Intermediate all students and families are officially welcomed into the Devon community with a Powhiri on the first day. Our focus is on developing strong links with whanau.

Together, we can make a real difference for all the students of our school.



School Science Fair 2013

Support

At Devon Intermediate we support the learning of all students whether they need extension and enrichment activities, some extra help to support learning in an area or assistance with dyslexia or ESOL.

We provide opportunities for gifted and talented students through our GATE programme and have a range of programmes to assist with special learning needs.

We take great care to transition Year 6 students to their new school by providing opportunities to have enjoyable experiences on site. We also meet with parents and Year 6 students to conduct enrolment interviews. These

enable us to get to know your child and make the best class match possible.

We have an open door policy at Devon Intermediate. Our staff are happy to meet or discuss with you ways to improve the learning outcomes for your child. You do not have to wait for the twice yearly written reports or until the next student learning conference to find out how your child is progressing.



Swimming Sports dressed in team colours

