



Devon Intermediate School
Te Kura Takawaenga o Ngāmotu



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To inspire our students with opportunities that empower them to discover and develop their strengths and passions

Nau mai, Haere mai, Welcome

Devon Intermediate is a vibrant learning community set in park-like grounds and with a fine history of providing age-appropriate quality learning opportunities.

We Offer Your Child

- A focus on Middle Schooling concentrating on the needs of the pre-adolescent.
- A pro-active and progressive approach to curriculum delivery, with an emphasis on Literacy and Mathematics.
- A positive atmosphere fostering a sense of fun and purpose in learning.
- A welcoming and safe environment based on our MANA values of Diligence, Integrity, Service and Respect.
- High expectations for behaviour, manners, responsibility and respect.
- A culture of high expectations, where each individual is challenged to achieve the highest standard of work they can in terms of presentation, academic achievement, participation, attitudes and values.
- Our commitment to continually reshape what we do to acknowledge the developing needs of our learners.





A Selection of What Your Child Can Benefit From At Devon

- Stimulating classroom programmes, with a strong emphasis on Mathematics and Literacy
- Outdoor camping experiences
- Music tuition, Choir, Rock Band
- ESOL Programmes
- Kapa Haka, Pasifika Performance Groups
- Technologies (Food, Hard Materials/Electronics/Wood & Plastic), & Digitech
- Visual Art & Music
- Enrichment and Extension opportunity
- Music festivals
- Specialised Literacy and Mathematics support programmes
- Social/Life skills programmes, a variety of Health programmes including Life Education
- Resource Teacher: Learning and Behaviour support
- Participation in Methanex Maths and Fonterra Science and Technology Fairs
- Kids' Lit Quiz
- A full range of sporting activities
- International competitions and assessments for schools
- Sports Exchanges

It is my pleasure to welcome you to an exciting two years at Devon. This is a great place to be! I look forward to meeting you and getting to know you and your child.

Kind regards
Jenny Gellen,
PRINCIPAL

Devon Intermediate School was opened in February 1958, to meet the needs of the families in the western sector of New Plymouth.

The site chosen for the school has an interesting history dating back to pre-European times when it was part of the traditional path used by the Maori to go to Ngamotu. In 1840 a cottage was built here by a pioneer settler who drew the land in a ballot. Several more houses were built on the land before it became a nursery in 1882. After this business closed in 1914 the land gradually reverted to bush, scrub and swamp.

Today the school is set in attractive park-like surroundings, with extensive playing areas, a large swimming pool, hall, technology facilities and a modern library. All classrooms are the subject of an on-going programme of modernisation and an extensive landscape plan contributes to a pleasant environment of learning.

From the very beginning, the school's first principal, Mr A.L. Herdman, insisted that hard work, coupled with a striving for excellence, should be practised in all aspects of school life. These qualities have been stressed by successive principals and are as important to the philosophy of Devon Intermediate today as they were in 1958.



Devon Intermediate Leadership Team

Principal

Jenny Gellen

Associate Principal

Jason Avery

Deputy Principal

Debra Young

When confirmed, a full list of staff will be published in a school newsletter at the earliest opportunity.



Devon Intermediate is involved in a Ministry of Education initiative called

“Positive Behaviour for Learning - School Wide”.

It is a research based programme focusing on working together to maintain a positive school environment with excellent learning relationships thus enabling our students to engage and achieve.

The school-wide structure has six major components:

- An agreed upon and common approach to discipline, and a positive statement of purpose.
- A small number of positively stated behavioural expectations for all students and staff.
- Procedures for teaching these expectations to students.
- A continuum of procedures for encouraging and maintaining these expectations.
- A continuum for discouraging rule-violating behaviour.
- Procedures for monitoring and evaluating the effectiveness of the discipline system on a regular and frequent basis.

MANA represents school wide positive behaviour for learning at Devon Intermediate.

Our MANA framework expectations are:

RESPECT - be caring and considerate.

- Use polite and appropriate language with a suitable tone.
- Treat others as you wish to be treated.
- Accept and value differences.
- Use manners at all times.
- Care for all property.
- Follow instructions immediately.

DILIGENCE - achieve your personal best.

- Do everything to the best of your ability.
- Right place, right time, right gear.
- Perseverance - finish what you start.
- Wear the correct uniform with pride.

INTEGRITY - be honest and trustworthy.

- Take responsibility for your own choices and actions.
- Speak the truth with kindness.
- Honour your commitments.

SERVICE - help and be actively involved

- Contribute for the right reasons.
- Be positively involved.
- Have an attitude of gratitude.
- Use your initiative - help before you are asked.

MANA is based on teaching behaviour expectations just as we teach any other subject. Each fortnight, a new *MANA* expectation is introduced at assembly and taught in our classrooms.

Affirming and acknowledging appropriate behaviour

MANA Tickets: Students earn these by displaying the week's *MANA* focus. These are recorded in student's diaries and can be redeemed for badges, *MANA* lunches, and Lone Star Vouchers.

MANA Reward Days: These are celebration days which are held twice a term. Eligible students will have met *MANA* expectations 80% of the time.

MANA Certificates: These are awarded at Friday assembly to selected students who have displayed the *MANA* focus.

MANA Badges: Students can earn a bronze, silver and gold badge for accumulating *MANA* tickets in their diary. Students proudly display these badges on their polo and sweatshirt.



We endeavour to provide our students with the opportunity to learn skills, knowledge and develop positive attitudes to learning through a varied curriculum and an inclusive environment. Students will be able to develop personal interests, build independence, self-confidence and take increasing responsibility for their own learning.

Our school is constantly developing our curriculum to cater for students needs and we have an emphasis on ensuring

numeracy and literacy skills are at the fore-front of our teaching programme. You can be confident that your child's experiences at Devon Intermediate will provide opportunities in academic, sporting, cultural and social activities that ensure the holistic development of your child.



School Calendar of Events

Term 1

- Meet-the-teacher evening (February)
- Student Learning Conferences
- Kids' Lit Quiz
- Inter-Intermediate Summer Sports Day
- Taranaki Inter-Intermediate Swimming Championships
- LEOTC programme
- EPRO8 Challenge

Term 2

- ICAS competitions
- Technology Challenge
- Methanex Mathematics Fair
- Inter-Intermediate winter sports exchanges
- Student Learning Conferences
- Young Leaders Conference

Term 3

- Student Learning Conferences.
- Pukekura Toastmasters' speech competition.
- Otago Maths competition.
- Parent Information Evening
- Technobitz days for Contributing Schools
- Life Education programme
- Fonterra Science & Technology Fair
- Inter-Intermediate winter sports exchanges
- Taranaki Cross Country Championships
- School Production or similar
- AIMS Games

Term 4

- LEOTC programme
- Orientation Day for parents and children
- Taranaki Inter-Intermediate Athletics Championships
- "Thank-you" morning tea for school helpers
- End-of-year Student Report
- Prize-giving assembly
- Graduation Ball

Attendance

Every day a student does not attend school, is a lost learning opportunity. Regular daily attendance is the key to successful learning outcomes. All students are required by law to attend school every day. If your child is unable to attend school for any reason, please inform us by phone, text 021 0829 9278, or by sending us a signed note explaining the child's absence. Attendance is checked three times daily and where necessary, phone calls/text messages are made to parents to check on the whereabouts of students. A medical certificate must be provided for absences of three days or more. Students arriving late report to the office before going to class.

Bicycle & Scooter Safety

Bikes and scooters stored at school during the day must be securely locked. Please ensure that bicycles are roadworthy, your child's helmet fits securely and is worn at all times. Children should have a sound knowledge of the road rules and be familiar with the safest route to school.

Bus Services

School bus services are operated by Transit Coachlines (phone 7575783).

Cell Phones

If it is necessary for a student to bring a cell phone to school it must be handed in to the office during the day. Students are not allowed to have phones in class. We do not accept responsibility for lost or stolen cell phones.



Collecting Children

Parents who wish to collect their child during the school day are to report to the office. Your child will then be notified of your arrival and meet you in the student reception area, where he/she will be signed out.

Library/Learning Centre

Our Library is available during class time and break times for use.

Instrumental Tuition

Students may receive tuition in percussion, string, brass and woodwind at school as part of the out of school Music programme.

School Hours

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday

8.40 am – 12.45 pm;

1.30 pm - 3.00 pm.

Tuesday

8.40 am – 12.45 pm;

1.15 pm - 2.30 pm.

Grounds open at 8:15 am. Students are expected to be at school by 8:30 am.

Parent Link Group

We strongly encourage and highly value parental involvement in the life of our school. Our Parent Link Group has a key role within our school and over the past few years they have done a fantastic job with fundraising and provide a valuable link between home and school. Parents are actively encouraged to contact the school to discuss matters of student interest. This enables the Leadership Team and staff to be fully informed at all times regarding home perspectives and circumstances.

School Lunches

Students do not go off site to buy food. Students are not to bring fizzy drinks, confectionery or chewing gum to school.

We look forward to welcoming you and your child to Devon Intermediate.

Jenny Gellen



The Devon Intermediate School Uniform

Devon Intermediate has an attractive and functional uniform. We are proud of it and expect it to be worn correctly. The uniform is available from Campus Clothing, 94 Gill Street, New Plymouth.

Definitions

Summer	Term 1 and Term 4
Winter	Term 2 and Term 3

Summer

- Navy drill shorts. Additional options for girls - blue and yellow tartan wool polyester skirt or culottes.
- Royal blue polo knit shirt with school logo and lemon pinstripe on collar and sleeve (short sleeved).
- Royal blue V-neck sweatshirt with school logo.
- Black sandals.
- School navy, wide-brimmed or bucket hats - available from the school office.

Winter

- Navy drill shorts. Additional options for girls - blue and yellow tartan wool polyester skirt or culottes.
- Official Taslon Devon tracksuit pants (optional).
- Official Taslon Devon jacket (optional).

- Official Devon sleeveless polar fleece (optional).
- Royal blue polo knit shirt with school logo and lemon pinstripe on collar and sleeve.
- Royal blue V-neck sweatshirt with school logo.
- Flat black polishable school shoes only, either lace-up, buckled or velcroed, (no colour brand markings, slip-ons, boots or canvas shoes).
- Devon uniform socks or navy blue socks - ankle or knee length.

Physical Education Uniform

- 2 x Quickdry 2-tone blue sports shirt (Singlet optional)
- Quickdry blue sports shorts

Jackets

Official Devon school jackets can be worn to and from school, in the playground, but not in class. Alternative rain jackets can be worn to and from school but should be a neutral colour – blue or black.

Please Note

1. We recommend dark navy thermal, short-sleeve tops to be worn under polo shirts for extra warmth. It is not acceptable to wear t-shirts or halter-neck tops. These items will have to be removed.
2. Shoes are not to be worn in the summer terms, sandals are not to be worn in the winter terms.

3. **All articles of clothing and footwear should be clearly marked with the owner's name.**
4. A limited second-hand uniform service is available. Please come to the office for direction. Strictly cash payment.

Hair

Hair is expected to be neat and tidy - no way-out styles or colours will be permitted. If hair is shoulder length or longer, it must be clipped and tied back. Only plain royal blue, white or black hair ties are to be worn.

Jewellery

For safety reasons it is inappropriate for jewellery to be worn to school. The only exceptions are:

- a wristwatch.
- small stud earrings - no more than one stud in each ear. Sleepers are not to be worn, nor any other visible body piercing.

Make up and nail polish are not appropriate for school and will not be permitted.



School Expenses Guide

This is a list of expenses you will be called on to meet during the school year.

To assist you with your budgeting

- We have attempted to indicate when some of these expenses can be expected.
- Various payment options are available.
- Many activities are specific to particular students or to some classes and therefore cannot be included in the range of payment options.

Payment can be made with cash, eftpos or by cheque direct to the school office, or by direct payment to our bank account - **TSB Moturoa, 15-3949-0276621-80**, stating your child's name and what the payment covers.

We strongly suggest paying by automatic payment. Please note that if you intend the payment to cover several items, eg technology & arts fees, Board of Trustees donation, camp, or sports affiliation fees, you must ensure that your weekly payment will meet the total cost by the end of the school year.

As an indication, paying \$8.00 a fortnight will cover all Technology fees and the school donation.

An automatic payment form is included with the enrolment pack.

Expenses

Board of Trustees' Donation

The donation will be \$60 for one child attending, \$90 per family. Whilst this is not a compulsory payment, donations enable us to provide additional resources for the students.

Technology & Arts Fees

The annual cost to cover Food, Wood, Digitech and Metal will be \$85.00. Both the donation and technology fees are tax deductible.

If Technology fees are not paid students will be unable to bring home their completed Technology projects.

Out of School Local Visits

Museum, Library, Science and Maths Fairs, Technology Roadshow and other local visits. Occasionally it will be necessary to travel by bus to these locations. The cost will usually be approximately \$3.00 - \$6.00.

Mufti Days

Generally one per term. Each mufti day costs \$2.00. Money raised is used for school purposes and for donations to worthwhile causes.

School Performances By Visiting Artists

We usually have two to three performances/visits per year. Admission generally ranges from \$4.00 - \$6.00

Devon Intermediate Diary

The cost is \$10.00

ICAS Competitions

English, Mathematics, Computers, Writing and Spelling, and Science. These occur during Terms 2 and 3 and an entry fee applies to each subject. Children apply for entry to these competitions.

Life Education

The cost is \$5.00.

Lost Library Books

Parents will be billed for lost library books.

Sports Exchanges

Transport costs for both the Summer and Winter Sports Exchanges, as well as additional sports opportunities (eg. Tournaments) will require additional payments. These range from \$4.00 - \$10.00 depending on the location.

Basketball/Netball/Hockey & Cricket affiliation fees

The following are indicative only as costs are yet to be determined.

Basketball	\$75.00
Netball	\$90.00
Hockey	\$75.00
Cricket	\$40.00

[Please note](#) that these affiliation fees must be paid at least one week prior to the commencement of the individual competitions.

Stationery

Children are expected to purchase their basic stationery requirements before the school year begins. A list is included in the enrolment pack.

Vandalism

Parents can expect to be billed for costs involved in putting right damage caused by wilful acts of vandalism by their child. This includes replacement costs of school materials, fittings and furnishings.

The school has adopted a policy of student financial responsibility. Where students are in arrears in payment of fees for consumables or services provided, they may become ineligible for discretionary events or school representation. Costs are advised in this Prospectus or the school newsletter.



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