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Principal's Welcome

Welcome to Devon Intermediate School

Nau mai, haere mai ki Te Kura Takawaenga o Ngāmotu.

Welcome to Devon Intermediate. Our school is specifically designed to meet the unique needs of students during these important intermediate years. We pride ourselves on providing a positive atmosphere that fosters a sense of fun and purpose, ensuring every student feels a strong sense of belonging.

Pepeha
"Ko Te Mana Whenua"
Ko Taranaki te maunga
Ko Mangaotuku te awa
Ko Tokomaru te waka
Ko Te Atiawa te iwi
Ko Ngāti Te Whiti te hapū
Ko Pukehino, Pukehe ngā pā tawhito
Ko Te Kura Takawaenga o Ngāmotu te kura
Ko Jenn Thorburn te tumuaki.

Tihei mauri ora!

Our vision is to inspire every student through meaningful opportunities that empower them to discover and grow their strengths and passions. We are committed to supporting our learners to become confident, positive, and contributing members of society.

We focus on our core **MANA** values:
Diligence: Achieve your personal best.
Integrity: Be honest and trustworthy.
Service: Help and be actively involved.
Respect: Be caring and considerate.

We offer a progressive approach to the curriculum with an emphasis on Literacy and Mathematics, alongside exciting opportunities in technology, performing arts, and outdoor education. We are also dedicated to giving practical effect to Te Tiriti o Waitangi, ensuring an inclusive environment where all ākonga feel a sense of belonging.

It is a huge privilege to lead such an amazing school. I hope you find our website interesting and helpful. If you would like to know more, please contact our friendly office staff.

Ngā mihi nui,

Jenn Thorburn
Acting Principal/Tumuaki

School History

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

The school site has a rich history that dates back to pre-European times, when it formed part of a traditional Māori pathway to Ngāmotu. In 1840, a cottage was built on the land by a pioneer settler who had drawn the property in a ballot. Over time, several more houses were established before the land became a nursery in 1882. When the nursery closed in 1914, the area gradually reverted to bush, scrub, and swamp.

Today, Devon Intermediate is set in attractive, park-like surroundings with extensive playing fields, a large swimming pool, a hall, technology facilities, and a modern library. Classrooms are part of an ongoing programme of modernisation, supported by a comprehensive landscaping plan that enhances the learning environment. A key focus of current property development is the upgrading of the administration block.

From the school's earliest days, its first principal, Mr A. L. Herdman, promoted a strong ethic of hard work and a commitment to excellence in all aspects of school life. These values have been upheld by successive principals and remain central to the philosophy of Devon Intermediate today.

Devon Intermediate has long been recognised for its positive school tone and strong sense of spirit. This has been built through the dedication of past teachers who gave generously of their time and effort, both inside and beyond the classroom. The current staff continues this tradition, encouraging students to live by the school motto: Diligence, Integrity and Service.

PB4L

Central to the heart of Devon is MANA, our school-wide framework for positive behaviour and culture. Built on the nationwide Positive Behaviour for Learning (PB4L) model, MANA is the "Devon Way" of doing things. It provides a common language for our staff, students, and whānau, creating a predictable and supportive environment where everyone knows exactly how to succeed. We don't just hope for good behavior; we teach it with the same care and intention as any academic subject. Through clear expectations and constant positive reinforcement, we ensure our school is a place where every student feels safe, respected, and ready to learn.

The MANA system is powered by four core values that guide our daily lives: Respect, Diligence, Integrity, and Service. These aren't just words on a wall; they are lived out every day. Our staff model these values in every space, and we use a "Teach, Practise, Revisit" approach to ensure everyone stays on track. From start-of-year refreshers to quick "pre-correction" reminders before busy transition times, we empower our students to be able to say—and more importantly, show—what MANA looks like in action.

We love to celebrate when our students get it right! Our MANA Tracking and Reward System turns positive choices into tangible achievements. Students earn MANA Tickets for demonstrating our weekly focus, which they can trade in for prestigious milestones: from Bronze Badges and MANA drink bottles to the ultimate Honours Badge and a special lunch with the Principal at a local café. Twice a term, we hold MANA Reward Days for those consistently meeting expectations, turning school pride into a celebration. Even when things go off track, we use a Restorative Approach, focusing on reflection and "putting things right" to maintain strong relationships. At Devon, through our data-driven MANA system, we are constantly refining our support to ensure every student has the best possible environment to shine.

At our school, we use the MANA system to foster a positive learning environment where students are encouraged to consistently meet our core values and expectations. MANA is based on the comprehensive PB4L framework that tracks student behaviour, provides clear guidance for staff, and celebrates student success through tangible rewards and badges.

The 3 Tiers of Behaviour

To ensure every student is supported appropriately, we categorise behaviours into three distinct tiers. These tiers help us determine who manages an incident and what the resulting consequences are:

Tier 1: Teacher Managed – These are classroom-level incidents handled directly by the teacher.

Tier 2: Team Leader Managed – If behaviour requires additional support, Team Leaders step in.

Tier 3: Senior Leadership Team (SLT) Managed – The highest level of intervention involving our senior leaders.

Detailed outlines of these behaviours are displayed in every classroom and included in all student diaries.

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Daily Tracking & Points

Every student has a Tracking Sheet in their diary where they earn points based on their daily behaviour and organisation/readiness for school:
2 Points Met all MANA expectations or had a justified absence (e.g., illness/bereavement).
1 Point Organisation issues, such as incorrect uniform (including PE gear), unjustified lateness, an unsigned diary, or an unjustified absence.
0 Points Significant behavioural incidents (Teacher, Team Leader, or SLT managed), skipping class, truancy, missing a "reflection" session, or being on stand down.

Celebrating Success: Reward Days & Tickets

We believe in acknowledging students who consistently do the right thing.

MANA Reward Days

Twice per term, we hold MANA Reward Days. To participate, students must earn a target number of tracking points during the eligibility period.

MANA Tickets and Badges

Staff award MANA Tickets to students who demonstrate our current MANA Focus. These tickets accumulate over a student's two years at Devon and lead to prestigious rewards:

50 Tickets: Bronze Badge + Devon Drink Bottle.
100 Tickets: Silver Badge + BK Lunch.
150 Tickets: Gold Badge + BK Lunch.
200 Tickets: MANA Honours Badge + Cafe/Restaurant lunch with Mrs Thorburn.

Attitude for Excellence

Discover Attitude for Excellence at Devon Intermediate School

At Devon Intermediate, we believe in celebrating students who dive into the wealth of opportunities our school offers. The Attitude for Excellence program is our way of recognising and encouraging students who show initiative, commitment, and a well-rounded spirit.

Students can earn points and badges across four key pillars of school life:

Academic: Excelling in the classroom and beyond.

Sports: Demonstrating teamwork and athleticism.

Service: Giving back to our school community.

Arts & Culture: Expressing creativity and cultural pride.

How It Works

Getting involved is the key! Each activity on the student card is assigned a point value. As students participate, they have these points signed off to work toward prestigious badges:

Badge Type Requirements

Merit Badge 15 points in a specific category
Honours Badge 20 points in a specific category
Overall Excellence Badge 55 points total (3 badges + at least 10 points in the 4th category)
Excellence Honours Earn Honours badges in at least two different categories

By earning all four category badges, students achieve their Overall Attitude for Excellence, the pinnacle of student involvement at Devon. We encourage every student to use their card, get involved, and start earning their points today!

Personal & Shared Device Classes

Why Choose a Personal Device Class (PDC)?

Our Personal Device Classes' main purpose is to provide students with the opportunity to develop the digital skills necessary for our rapidly developing future. Currently, 65% of all jobs involve using a digital device in some capacity. In the next 10 years, this will increase to 90 - 100%. Therefore, as educators, it is our responsibility to provide students with every opportunity to understand how to use these tools purposefully.

In a PDC, students will complete assignments and projects both on their devices and in their books. The device is simply a tool that is there to assist students if and when it's fit for purpose.
Students will also learn a range of 'digital fluency' skills. These include: touch typing, navigating a range of Google platforms, navigating a variety of other platforms and systems, cybersafety and much more.
Rest assured, students will be monitored and kept safe on their devices. We use a system called Hapara, which allows us to see exactly what students are doing at all times. It allows us to lock their screen, close tabs, etc. Basically, full control of their device at all times.

Why Choose a Shared Device Class (SDC)?

Our Shared Device Classes offer a collaborative and equitable approach to digital learning. We believe that access to technology is vital for every student, and the SDC model ensures that high-quality tools are available to everyone. By utilising school-provided hardware, students learn to work effectively in a shared environment, mirroring the collaborative digital workspaces found in modern industries.
In an SDC, technology is treated as a specialised resource. This model excels at fostering a healthy balance between screen time and traditional learning, as devices are integrated into the lesson for specific, high-impact activities.
Just like our PDC model, the SDC is fully protected by our school firewall.
If you have any further questions, please ask. We are more than happy to clarify specifics.

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Term 1

- Pathway & Planning meetings with whanau
- Taranaki Intermediate Swimming Championships
- Kids' Lit Quiz
- Surfing

Term 2

- Kiwi Competitions
- Inter-Intermediate Winter Sports Exchanges
- Pathway & Planning meetings with whanau
- Young Leaders Conference
- PCT competition
- Rippa Rugby Tournament
- Intermediate Rugby League Tournament
- Mid Year Report

Term 3

- Pukekura Toastmasters' speech competition
- Otago Maths competition
- Parent/Student Information Evening
- Technobitz for Contributing Schools
- Elemental Group Science & Technology Fair
- Inter-Intermediate Winter Sports Exchange
- Taranaki Cross Country Championships
- EPRO8 Technology Challenge
- Taranaki Volleyball Championships
- Taranaki Schools Trail Relay
- Ross Brown Tournament
- AIMS Games

Term 4

- Life Education Programme
- LEOTC/ Programme/School Production
- Orientation day for parents and children
- Taranaki Inter-Intermediate Athletics Championships
- End-of-year Student Report
- Inter-Intermediate Summer Sports Day
- Beach Volleyball
- Graduation Ball
- Prize-giving assembly

These are just a few of the events we have over the year. You can join our school Google calendar via our school website: www.devonint.school.nz

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Attendance

At Devon Intermediate School, we believe regular attendance is vital for the success and wellbeing of our tamariki, as being present every day builds the strong foundations necessary for their learning and social development. Our primary goal is to partner with whānau and the community to remove barriers to engagement, ensuring every ākonga is present and thriving. To support this, we have set an annual target to increase regular attendance to 61% and have implemented a Stepped Attendance Response (STAR) to monitor and support progress. National guidelines suggest that for continued success, tamariki should be absent for no more than one day a fortnight, and we are committed to providing fortnightly data to families to help reach these targets together.

Bus Services

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

Bikes and Scooters

Bikes and scooters stored at school during the day must be securely locked. Please ensure that bicycles are road worthy, 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.

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.

Parent Link

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 Hours

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday 8.40 am – 3.00 pm.

Tuesday
8.40 am - 2.30 pm.

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

School Lunches

Devon Intermediate has opt-ed into the Ka Ora, Ka Ako: Healthy Lunches in Schools Programme. Students are provided with a healthy lunch each day, although will need to provide a snack for morning tea.
Students are not to bring fizzy drinks, confectionery or chewing gum to school.

School Expenses Guide

Throughout the year, students have plenty of opportunities to get involved in sports, academic competitions, and local trips, alongside their regular technology and art classes, and enrichments.

While some of these activities are free, some do carry a cost. We've put together a list of items below to give you an idea of what to expect for the coming year.

The Devon Intermediate Board have removed the cost of the school donation in line with the 2019 Budget Announcement which reduces the annual required costs considerably.

We strongly suggest paying by automatic payment.

As an indication, paying $5.00 a fortnight will cover most fees and other incidentals that may arise.

Please note that if you intend the payment to cover several items, or sports affiliation fees, you must ensure that your weekly payment will meet the total cost by the end of the school year.

Basketball/Netball/Hockey and Cricket affiliation fees

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

Basketball	$70.00
Netball	$80.00
Hockey	$110.00
Cricket	$40.00

Please note that affiliation fees must be paid before uniforms are handed out. These fees can be paid at the office via cash or Eftpos. Alternately, you can advise the office of having started an automatic payment.

CAM Kiwi Competitions

The annual CAM Kiwi English, Mathematics and Science tests are designed by New Zealand teachers for New Zealand students. Students register for these in Term 1 with the tests taking place towards the end of Term 2. Results and certificates are issued to schools by mid Term 3. There is a fee to complete these competitions. Students also gain points toward their Attitude for Excellence Academic Merit.

Devon Intermediate School Diary

At the beginning of each year, all students are issued with a school diary which is used between home and school. The cost is $12.00 and will be invoiced to all families.

Otago Maths

There are 5 tests/challenges throughout terms 2, 3 and 4, with a final challenge in November - all done during the school day. Results are then sent out to schools in early December. There is a small fee to enter this competition. Students also gain points toward their Attitude for Excellence Academic Merit.

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 - $8.00.

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 - $15.00 depending on the location.

Stationery

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

Technology and Arts Fees

The annual cost to cover Food, Wood, Art, and Digital Technology take home consumables will be $25 per year.

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.

School Uniform

The approved school uniform is to be worn whilst at school and on visits away from school.

Sports uniforms will be owned and issued by the school. At other times, when children are representing the school, uniforms may be issued. For some activities students may be exempt from wearing the school uniform e.g. school trips.

All our uniform items can be purchased from Campus Clothing, 94 Gill Street in New Plymouth.

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 flat sole sandals with a heel strap or plain black shoes only.
• Devon uniform socks, navy blue or black socks – above the ankle or knee length.
• School navy or black, wide-brimmed or bucket hats, alternately a plain black or navy cap.

Winter

Uniform as for summer, with an additional choice of official Devon long pants.

The official Devon jacket is optional, and 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.

Physical Education Uniform

• Devon Intermediate School 2-tone blue sports shirt
• Devon Intermediate School Blue sports shorts

Sunhats

It is compulsory for all children during Term 1 and Term 4 to wear a navy-blue or black sunhat, alternately a plain black or navy cap when outside.

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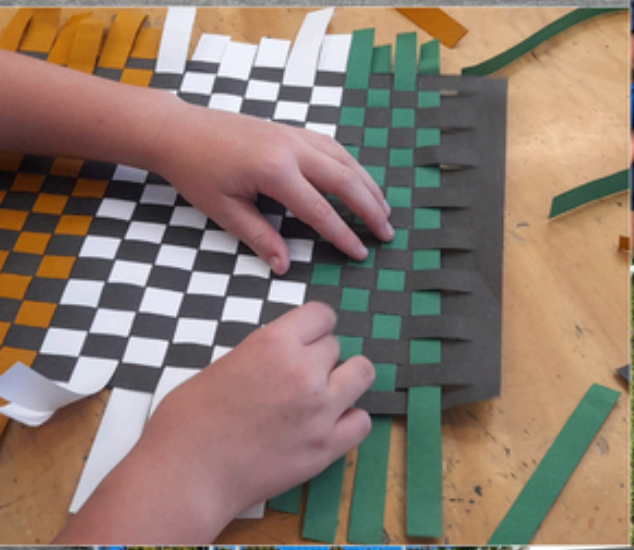
Other Notes

- One small plain stud only to be worn in each ear and no other visible body piercings.
- If there are any facial piercings, they must be covered by a neutral band aid.
- · No make-up, nail polish or false eyelashes of any type.
- · Hair is expected to be neat and tidy - no extreme styles and natural colour only allowed.
- If hair is shoulder length or longer, it must be clipped and/or tied back. Only plain royal blue, white or black hair ties are to be worn.
- We recommend dark navy thermal, short-sleeve tops to be worn under polo shirts for extra warmth. It is not acceptable to wear long-sleeve tops or tee shirts. These items will have to be removed.
- School sandals OR school shoes and socks may be worn year round.
- All articles of clothing and footwear should be clearly marked with the owner's name.
- A limited second-hand uniform service is available. The office can assist you with this.



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