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Dunedoo Central School

Information Booklet



“Our Best Always”

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Dunedoo Central School has a proud tradition of providing quality education.

Dunedoo Central School is an active and energetic school. As a Central School, we have many advantages including relatively small class sizes, a family atmosphere, whole school events and a higher ratio of executive to teaching staff than found in larger schools.

Our staff are supportive, caring and seek to establish positive partnerships with parents.

School Information

Dunedoo Central School is a school of approximately 190 students—90 secondary and 100 primary. There are approximately 6 teachers in the primary and 18 in the secondary with a number of teacher aides and other support personnel. The school ancillary support staff (SASS) provide a welcoming face in the front office and administrative support.

Community Information

Dunedoo, where the people make the difference! Dunedoo is a rural community on the Golden Highway, 90kms east of Dubbo and 100km north west of Mudgee, NSW. Life in Dunedoo is anything but boring, and you'll wear yourself out trying to keep up with the regularly available activities in the town.

Enrolment

Children who turn five years before August 1st, in that year, may be enrolled at the beginning of the school year. Proof of age (birth certificate) is required and parents are asked to complete an enrolment form. The child's immunisation record is also necessary. Children arriving at Dunedoo Central School from another school need to show they have formally left their previous school and accept the responsibilities involved in becoming a member of Dunedoo Central School.

Communication

We feel that it is most important for parents and the teacher/school to openly communicate about a child's progress or development.

There are many opportunities throughout the school year to informally visit our school and be a part of its life. We welcome you to come along.



Facilities

Dunedoo Central School offers an excellent range of facilities for all students. All equipment is supplied for Kindergarten students. All infants, primary and secondary classrooms have air-conditioning and heating, interactive white boards and access to modern resources and technologies.

We have three large grassed ovals and also a hard surfaced area.

Our large hall is both air-conditioned and heated, comfortably hosting school assemblies and performances. It also provides a great area for indoor sports, particularly during inclement weather.

There is an excellent canteen, selling healthy foods to the children at recess and lunch. Also for the summer months, refrigerators are available in the primary area to keep the children's lunches and drinks cool.

Being a Central School, we are able to make use of the other facilities which may not be available in other schools. When cooking is part of the program, the secondary staff make their facilities available for use. Also the agriculture and science staff often share their facilities. Computers are available to students in our computer laboratories, the library and in each classroom. The Library has an excellent collection of books for young people. The Library is open for use every day. You will be advised of your child's allocated weekly borrowing day.

General Information

Sport—Houses

When children enrol they are allocated to one of our school houses:

- Bass—blue
- Evans—yellow
- Sturt—green

Sporting carnivals are held annually where students represent their house in swimming, cross country and athletics.



Supervision

Children are supervised between 8.30am and 3.15pm. The school will not accept responsibility for early arrivals. Children must leave school at 3.10pm, or 3.15pm for bus travellers.

Accidents or Illness at School

If children are sick during the day, a sick bay is available with a First Aid Officer available to attend to the child. Parents are contacted if necessary. The best place for an injured or ill child is with their parent / caregiver. Should we be unable to contact you and if medical help is urgently needed the school will take emergency action (doctor, ambulance, hospital). The school is covered for free ambulance. If your child has a medical condition or disability, please advise us. For example allergies, reactions to stings, hearing or visual difficulties.

Fees

Our school fees enable us to purchase essential books and equipment so that our students are given every opportunity to learn with modern resources. The fees are:

- Years K-6 \$35
- Years 7—10 \$65
- Years 11 - 12 \$85

Subject fees in the secondary are set at the beginning of each year.

Parents will be notified of these by the teachers concerned. Payment of these fees is essential.

Band fees—to be advised.

Progress payments are accepted.

School Uniform

School uniform is available to purchase from the Canteen.

Up to date information on uniform requirements is available from the front office.

We ask that all parents send their children to school neatly dressed in correct uniform. The staff and P&C encourage the wearing of our school uniform because it encourages pride in our school, looks good and eliminates competition over dress.

We seek your continued support.

School Assemblies

A K-6 assembly is held each Friday at 12.00pm. They also assemble at 2.55pm each afternoon before home time.

Short secondary assemblies are held prior to sport each Wednesday.

Formal, whole school, assemblies are generally held twice per term and will be advertised in the weekly newsletter.

Attendance

Physical Attendance—on every possible day is of paramount importance: a day absent each week represents 20% of possible teaching and learning time. So many of our school activities rely on reinforcement, revision and step-by-step progress on a day-to-day basis. Much of the child's activity at school each day is concerned with further explanation of a process, further discoveries by children in many subjects. A missed day could hamper a child's progress in any one of several important subject areas.

All absences require an explanation note to be sent with the child upon their return to school.

Conscious Attendance—to the class activities is essential. Sleepy, tired children cannot concentrate and have difficulty participating in lessons. Children should go to bed at a reasonable hour prior to a school day. Sufficient sleep, of course, also benefits the child in other ways; the growing process is not checked, good health is promoted.

Excursions / Sports Visits

Parents are given full details in advance. A permission note is required. This is returned to the teacher organising the excursion. Prompt return of notes and money ensures successful excursions. Excursions are an important part of the school program.

Student Representative Council

The Student Representative Council (SRC), is a body of students who are elected by their peers as representatives. The aim of the SRC is to give the student body a voice in the school and to provide suggestions regarding issues of welfare and interests of the student body.

Each class has two SRC representatives whose role is to attend meetings and report any suggestions or concerns to the Council for consideration and action.

The SRC is responsible for organising school discos and fundraising to support their selected charities

Homework & Study Centres

Infants and Primary students are welcome to attend Homework Centre one afternoon a week from 3.00-4.00pm (days are advertised in the school newsletter). Students are supervised and tutored by qualified teaching staff free of charge.

Study Centre for students in Years 7—12 operates after school on Monday, Wednesday & Thursday afternoons. Students are supervised and may request special tuition in any subject area from staff. Students should contact Deputy Principal, Mrs. Donna Lane, should they require further information about Study Centre.

Banking

Children are given a form for the Commonwealth Bank if they wish to commence banking. Money and books are collected and returned on Friday's.

Buses

All children are expected to behave in a safe, quiet and orderly manner on the bus. Safety is everyone's responsibility. Buses depart the school at approximately 3.20pm.

Boomley bus	Mr. M. Court	0417 544550
Cainbull bus	Mrs. T. Dallman	02 6375 1001
Digilah bus	Mr. M. Leeson	02 6375 1350
Leadville bus	Mr. W. Hogden	02 6375 1622
Mendooran bus	Mr. W. Hogden	02 6375 1622
Narangari bus	Mr. M. Leeson	02 6375 1350
Tucklan bus	Mr. W. Hogden	02 6375 1622



Parental Involvement

Parent & Citizens' Association

The P&C meet on the third Thursday of each month in the school Library. Parents are encouraged to attend and take an active part in decisions affecting the school, in addition to being well informed about school activities and policies.

Support Services

- Medical Care
- Counsellor
- School Chaplain

Discipline Policy

Dunedoo Central School's discipline policy outlines the responsibilities and rights of students.

The Discipline Policy is available from the front office. We ask that all students and parents are familiar with this policy.

Bell Times

Primary Class Times:

Start Morning: 8:55
Recess: 10:50—11:10
Start Mid-Session: 11:10
Lunch: 12:40
Start Afternoon Session: 1:30
School Finishes: 2:55

Secondary Class Times:

Period 1: 8:50—9:40
Period 2: 9:40—10:30
Roll Call: 10:30—10:50
Recess: 10:50—11:10
Period 3: 11:10—12:00
Period 4: 12:00—12:50
Lunch: 12:50—1:30
Period 5: 1:30—2:20

Children are supervised between 8:30am and 3:15pm.



“We believe that a quality education is made up on a combination of academic, cultural and sporting pursuits. This ensures every student is equipped with the knowledge, skills and values that underpin the rest of their lives”.

Peter Campbell, Principal