



DENMAN ISLAND COMMUNITY SCHOOL

2026/27 SCHOOL GROWTH PLAN HIGHLIGHTS



SCHOOL FOCUS

Strengthening social awareness and responsibility by helping students resolve problems peacefully, build empathy, and deepen their understanding of Indigenous ways of knowing and being.



WHAT MAKES DENMAN UNIQUE

A small K-7 community school of approximately 55 students where strong relationships, multi-grade learning, outdoor education, and community partnerships create highly personalized learning. The school includes an outdoor classroom, garden, blended learning program, and Community School supports.



KEY PRIORITIES

- ✓ Develop students' ability to consider how their actions affect others.
- ✓ Strengthen peaceful problem-solving skills and foster empathy.
- ✓ Celebrate diversity and create an inclusive, welcoming community.
- ✓ Expand knowledge of K'ómoks language, culture, and Indigenous perspectives through experiential learning.



EVIDENCE GUIDING THE WORK

- ✓ Students continue to perform well in literacy and numeracy overall.
- ✓ Student surveys show opportunities to further strengthen problem solving, empathy, attendance, and understanding of Indigenous cultures.
- ✓ The school's small size allows staff to respond to individual learner needs.



SUCCESS WILL LOOK LIKE

- ✓ Students demonstrate empathy and care for others.
- ✓ Students resolve conflicts respectfully and peacefully.
- ✓ Students value diversity and celebrate individual differences.
- ✓ Students recognize and celebrate Indigenous cultures and perspectives.
- ✓ Students build stronger connections to each other, their community, and the land.



HOW WE'LL GET THERE

- ✓ Experiential and land-based learning is woven throughout our program.
- ✓ Increase opportunities for Indigenous language and cultural experiences.
- ✓ Monthly staff collaboration to plan, reflect, and adjust instruction.
- ✓ Buddy activities and community-building opportunities.
- ✓ Partnerships with local organizations and the Denman Island community.
- ✓ Student self-reflection and goal setting.
- ✓ Strong connections with families and caregivers.