



Cheviot Area School

The Area



Cheviot is a town in the Hurunui District of north Canterbury, on the east coast of the South Island of New Zealand. It is located on State Highway 1, approximately 112 kilometers north of Christchurch and 68 kilometers south of Kaikōura.

Cheviot is steeped in history and was put on the map when Cheviot hills estate was established by William 'Ready Money' Robinson. Cheviot Hills was one of Canterbury's largest 19th-century properties. Robinson's run stretched from the Hurunui River to the Waiau River, out to the Pacific coast and to the Lowry Hills in the west - a total of 33,600 hectares. In 1893, the Government bought Cheviot Hills and divided the estate into smaller ballot farms.

While Cheviot Hills 'mansion house' burned down in 1936, the foundations and magnificent grounds are now part of the Cheviot Hills Domain. The Domain has many lovely walking and cycling tracks with majestic oak trees and specimen plantings. Nearby Findlay's Plantation provides spectacular views of the township and surrounding countryside.

Gore Bay is a well-known surfing and swimming beach and popular holiday spot. At low tide it is possible to walk around the coast to Port Robinson and Manuka Bay where a track through coastal forest brings you to a lookout above the bay with views to the Kaikōura mountains and Hurunui River mouth. Both the Hurunui and Waiau rivers reward anglers with sea-run salmon, trout, and whitebait. The clean, clear waters are popular with kayakers and jetboaters, and the many swimming holes are a welcome retreat on a hot summer's day.

There is an attractive 12-hole golf course open to the public, an immaculate bowling green, and several sporting clubs and societies including children's dance, karate and surfing and an avid craft group in the town.

Cheviot is full of passionate people who get involved in many areas of the community including the local annual A & P show, volunteering for our local fire and ambulance services. In August 2019, the community members launched a development plan to restore the Jed River and its tributaries. A committee was formed and is now working towards consolidating the vision, goals and the first projects for the group. They are looking to partnering with Te Runanga o Kaikōura and joining the Hurunui District Landcare Group, to together improve the overall mauri/lifeforce of the Jed River catchment.

While predominately a farming district, Cheviot has an impressive collection of trades and services in the community. You will find everything from builders, fencers, massage and beauty therapists to vets, mechanics, and a marriage celebrant in our rural town. Cheviot also has a good selection of retail shops and accommodation and is very close to Rangiora, Kaikōura and Christchurch for all the things you can't find locally.

The School

Cheviot Area School is a modern, co-educational school with a long history of academic, sporting and cultural excellence. With approximately 200 students, Cheviot Area School offers a wide range of subjects as part of a strong academic programme.

We provide a range of learning opportunities through;

- High expectations
- A learning support programme to give extra help within classes
- Providing up-to-date resources in all subject areas
- Access to state of the art technology, ICT and video conferencing
- Education outside the classroom and student leadership opportunities
- A professional and dedicated teaching staff

Cheviot Area School caters for students in Years 1 to 13 from within the local township and the surrounding areas. Classes are small, particularly in the secondary school, and this allows students and teachers to know each other well. A number of subject specialists in the secondary school also work in the primary area. This is providing primary school students with additional learning experiences in areas such as Spanish and Computing.

The school curriculum positively promotes and supports student learning in a number of ways. The leaders and teachers provide a good range of learning opportunities that engage students and helps them develop good knowledge and understanding of the local environment.

The school has strong relationships within the community. Teachers know students and their families well. They maintain good communication with the families and aspects of student learning are regularly shared with parents. School events and work experience programmes for senior secondary school students are well supported by members of the wider community. The Māori community is also involved in the school to ensure all students participate in a bicultural curriculum.

The School House



There is a School House that is available to the Principal of Cheviot Area School. This is a 3 bedroom house with open plan living and dining, heat pump, log burner, and dishwasher. This is on a large section with a large single garage, wood shed and a rural outlook.

The ministry allows for a 25% discount on market rent for staff. The market rent on this property is \$375 per week, after this 25% discount the rent would be \$281.25, a very good price for a property of this condition in Cheviot.