

BOTANY CAMPUS

23 May 2025

DATES

Monday 26 May
BOTANY CAMPUS
CROSS COUNTRY

Tuesday 27 May
YEAR 12 ROAD
SAFETY EDUCATION
COURSE

Tuesday 3 June
TEACHER ONLY DAY

Wednesday 11 June
CAREERS EXPO FOR
ALL YEAR 11 - 13
STUDENTS

Monday 23 June
PARENT TEACHER
CONFERENCES

Wednesday 25 June
MOCK ROCK DAY

RYDA - Year 12

If your child is in Year 12, you would have received information about the RYDA day on Tuesday 27 May. This will be a great opportunity for students to equip themselves with skills and knowledge around safe driving. As this is a non-curriculum event, the cost will be charged to your child's account. If you do not wish for your child to attend, please email daniel.charman@elim.school.nz. Please [click here](#) for for further information and to complete the permission form.

Social Media

Are you aware of the social media accounts and usernames your child may be using?

We have recently become aware of social media accounts being created with the intention of targeting and upsetting others in our community. As a school, we are taking these matters seriously and are working to identify and respond to harmful content when it arises.

However, the nature of social media means that much of this activity occurs outside of school hours. That's why your support is crucial. We kindly ask that you regularly check the social media accounts your child is using and have open conversations about respectful and responsible online behaviour.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Model United Nations Assembly – A Global Experience for Our Students

On the 16th and 17th of May, nine of our senior students had the exciting opportunity to attend the annual Model United Nations Assembly (MUNA), hosted at Rosmini College on Auckland's North Shore. This event brought together schools from across the region to simulate the workings of the United Nations General Assembly, providing students with a unique platform to engage in high-level debate, diplomacy, and international relations.

Our school proudly represented three countries:

- Pakistan – represented by Kei McNeil, Isobel Overall, and Grace Thaper
- Brazil – represented by Tessa O'Leary, Grace Govender, and Joseph Carter
- South Africa – represented by Soren Sundness, Caleb Govender, and Justin Williams

Over the course of two days, students participated in a series of dynamic debates, tackling some of the most pressing and complex issues facing the world today. Topics ranged from the controversial proposal of recognising internet access as a basic human right, to the ethical implications of autonomous weapons in modern warfare. Students also debated the case for climate reparations, and discussed international accountability for exploitative trade practices.

MUNA challenged our students to think critically, speak persuasively, and collaborate effectively with peers from diverse backgrounds, all while staying true to the values and perspectives of the countries they represented. It was an incredible opportunity for growth in public speaking, research, and global awareness.

A huge congratulations to all the students involved for their thoughtful contributions and the professionalism with which they represented both their assigned nations and our school.



Year 12 Biology - Osmosis in Action



This term, our Year 12 Biology students have been actively engaged in a hands-on investigation to explore one of the fundamental processes of life: osmosis. As part of their studies on cellular transport mechanisms, students designed and conducted an experiment to test whether osmosis occurs in the cells of carrot cores placed in solutions of varying concentrations.



By measuring changes in the mass of the carrot cores after submersion in hypotonic, isotonic, and hypertonic solutions, students were able to observe first-hand how water moves across cell membranes in response to solute concentration gradients. This practical not only reinforced theoretical concepts covered in class, but also developed key scientific skills such as hypothesis testing, data analysis, and scientific communication.



Understanding osmosis is critical for future studies in health and biological sciences, including fields such as medicine, agriculture, and environmental science. Whether it's understanding how cells maintain homeostasis or how IV fluids are formulated, the principles of osmosis are deeply relevant to real-world applications.

We're proud of the curiosity and scientific thinking our students are demonstrating and look forward to seeing them apply this knowledge in their future academic and career pursuits.

Chess Tournament Success at Mt. Roskill

On Friday, 16 May, a group of our students took part in an exciting chess tournament held in Mt. Roskill, proudly hosted by Chess Power. Each participant played seven intense rounds, with each game lasting up to 30 minutes.

Special recognition was given to two of our players: Anthony Roke received the Mona Lisa badge for his acts of kindness, while Seth Africa earned the Giant Tamer badge for impressively defeating the tournament arbiter!

It was a fantastic day of competition, camaraderie, and strategic thinking. We're already looking forward to the next opportunity to take part in this much-loved event.



Botany Sport: Mia Henning Shines on the International Stage

In late April and early May, Mia Henning proudly represented New Zealand at an international rhythmic gymnastics competition in Canada.

“The competition was incredibly competitive, but very enjoyable and a great learning experience,” Mia shared.

Over the course of nearly three weeks, Mia competed in both Winnipeg and Toronto—earning impressive results with a 2nd place finish in Winnipeg and 3rd in Toronto. Congratulations, Mia, on your outstanding achievements!



Botany Sport:

The season is underway for our two girls' football teams!

Our 1st XI has faced tough competition in their opening matches against Howick College and Sancta Maria. Despite the challenges, the team has shown incredible effort, with impressive performances both on and off the field.

The 2nd XI has also taken on strong opponents, Papatoetoe High School and Rosehill College, demonstrating skill, determination, and great teamwork throughout.

We're excited to watch both teams continue to grow and develop over the season. Best of luck to all our players!



Over the past few weeks, our basketball teams have been making a strong impression on the court. We currently have four teams in action: the Senior Girls and U17A Girls competing in the Central East/West Zone, and two Senior Boys teams—Open A and Open B—competing in the Central Eastern Zone.

The Senior Girls Open A team has had one bye and a close loss to Mt Albert Grammar School, while the U17A Girls have had a mixed start with a loss to Western Springs and a solid win over Mt Albert Grammar.

The Boys Open B team has shown determination through three matches, earning a win against Glendowie College and battling through tough games against Marcellin College and Saint Kentigern College. A special shout-out goes to our Boys Open A team (First V), who remain undefeated with commanding victories over Pakuranga College, Sacred Heart College, and Botany Downs Secondary College.

No matter the result, all our teams have consistently displayed exceptional sportsmanship, unity, and the character that defines Elim Christian College. We look forward to watching their continued success on the court.

Careers and Gateway

This term, many of our Gateway students have been out and about across the city, gaining invaluable hands-on experience through work placements. They're working alongside skilled professionals in a range of industries, including building, plumbing, landscaping, early childhood education, painting and decorating, and mechanics.

We also recently held our second Health and Safety workshop for the year. Congratulations to the 20 students who completed the course—each earning 14 NCEA credits for their efforts.

University Open Days and Scholarships - Plan Ahead

On the next page, you'll find a full list of upcoming university open days across New Zealand, as well as key dates for major scholarship applications. We strongly encourage senior students and their whānau to attend these events where possible. Open days offer a valuable chance to explore course options, experience campus life, and ask questions in person.

Don't forget to look into scholarship opportunities—many students are surprised by what's available, and they can make a real difference in easing the financial load of tertiary study.

Helpful Resources Now Available

The 2026 editions of the Thinking About University? and What to Study and Where? guides are now live and free to download at www.thinkingaboutuni.nz. These publications offer a comprehensive overview of New Zealand's eight universities, including every undergraduate degree and major available. They also outline how to prepare for tertiary study.

For further information, please get in touch with Mr. Charman or the Careers team at careers@elim.school.nz.

New Zealand University Open Days and Scholarship Deadlines – 2025

There are many different scholarships that are not listed below. For a more extensive list please follow this link - <https://www.universitiesnz.ac.nz/scholarships/undergraduate-scholarships>

University of Auckland (Waipapa Taumata Rau)

- **Open Day:** Saturday, 30 August 2025, 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM (City Campus)
- **Scholarship Deadlines:**
 - **Foveran Scholarship** Closes 18 June 2025
 - **School-Leaver Scholarships (for 2026 study)** Applications open 21 May 2025
 - **International Student Excellence Scholarship:**
 - Semester 2, 2025: Opens 30 January 2025, Closes 1 April 2025
 - Semester 1, 2026: Opens 11 September 2025, Closes 23 October 2025

Auckland University of Technology (AUT)

- **Open Day (AUT LIVE):** Saturday, 30 August 2025, 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM (City Campus)
- **Scholarship Deadlines:**
 - **School Leaver Scholarships** Applications open 1 November 2024, Close 30 June 2025
 - **International Scholarships (Semester 2, 2025)** Applications open 6 April 2025, Close 19 May 2025
 - **Doctoral Scholarships** Closing dates are 1 March, 15 July, and 1 November 2025

University of Otago

- **Open Days:** Sunday, 4 May – Monday, 5 May 2025
- **Orientation Week:** Typically late February (dates to be confirmed)
- **Scholarship Deadlines:**
 - **General Scholarships** Applications accepted year-round; no specific closing date

Massey University

- **Open Days:**
 - Manawatū (Palmerston North): Wednesday, 6 August 2025
 - Ōteahā (Auckland): Friday, 15 August 2025
 - Pukeahu (Wellington): Friday, 22 August 2025
 - International Virtual Open Day: Thursday, 31 July 2025
 - Distance Open Day: Thursday, 4 September 2025
 - Aviation Open Day: Saturday, 13 September 2025
- **Scholarship Deadlines:**
 - **Undergraduate First-Year Scholarship:** Applications open 1 June 2025, Close 1 September 2025
 - **Accommodation Scholarship:** Applications open 1 June 2025, Close 1 September 2025

Kotahitanga Award

Every week we focus on what it means to exemplify one of our school learning behaviours. Teachers look for students displaying the selected behaviour throughout the week and nominate them for a prize draw held during our Friday assembly.

Weeks 2 and 3

We show Pukuahuwhenua , we are **Diligent**
We show Māia , we are **Courageous**

The following students were recognised for displaying one of these values and were nominated for this award:

Nominees:

**Alayah Finley, Bezalel Bernstein, Ethan Cope, Chloe Tu,
Owen Coetzee, Mehaiel Sellayah, Colby Fry, Martin Groebler,
Imogen Finlay, Schneider Lyu, Emily Just**

WINNERS:

Shaurya Thaper

for

Working diligently in Christian Living.

Caitlyn Chong

for

Leading an amazing Hosanna Week.

AWARDS CHOSEN:

CHOCOLATE BAR and STAFF MORNING TEA