

# BOTANY CAMPUS

26 June 2025

## DATES

**Wednesday 25 June**

MOCK ROCK DAY

**Friday 27 June**

TEACHER ONLY DAY

**Thursday 24 July**

ELIM'S GOT TALENT  
NIGHT

**Tuesday 29 July**

SENIOR STUDENT  
WORSHIP NIGHT

**Saturday 2 August**

ELIM CHRISTIAN  
COLLEGE BALL

### Exciting Strategic Growth For Our School!

We're thrilled to share an important update regarding our school's future! As outlined by our principal Julian Adamson in a recent letter, we're embarking on a strategic growth plan designed to enhance our school community and unlock new opportunities for our students.

This thoughtful expansion, which includes adding an extra class at each primary year level, will bring significant benefits. For our Botany Campus, this means a particularly exciting development: we'll be relocating our Year 10 students to the Botany Campus!

This move will provide our Year 10 students with a fantastic opportunity to thrive in a new environment, surrounded by more senior students. A larger overall school community also means we can offer an even greater breadth of subject choices and specialised programs, catering to diverse interests and helping every child reach their full potential.

We want to assure you that this growth isn't just about numbers; it's about enhancing the vibrant, Christ centred environment you've come to expect. We're carefully planning every step to ensure the quality of education, student experience, and strong community feel remain at the heart of everything we do.

You can expect more detailed information in the coming months, including opportunities to ask questions and learn more. We're confident this growth will lead to an even more enriching and rewarding experience for all.

## Careers and Gateway: Term 2

It's been a busy and exciting year so far in Careers and Gateway at Elim Christian College. Our 24 Gateway students have been actively exploring the world of work through weekly placements during Term 2, gaining valuable insight and hands-on experience in a wide range of industries.

Students have been placed in industries including building, plumbing, mechanics, landscaping, early childhood education, McDonald's, pre-police preparation, and even caring for horses in local stables. These placements allow students to step into real-world environments and gain first-hand experience aligned with their career interests.

In addition to their practical placements, students are also completing independent bookwork designed to complement their chosen career pathways. This combination of theory and practice helps them build essential skills and confidence as they consider their future beyond school.

We were also excited to take our Year 11-13 students to the Careers Expo at Howick Leisure Centre on Wednesday, 11 June. Students had the opportunity to speak with a wide range of industry providers, training organisations, and universities. It was great to see so many students engaging in meaningful conversations and starting to think seriously about their futures.

We're always looking to expand our network of placement opportunities for students. If you or someone you know might be interested in hosting a Gateway student, we would love to hear from you! Please get in touch with us at [gateway@elim.school.nz](mailto:gateway@elim.school.nz) to find out more.





## Eastern Zone Chess Tournament

This month, we sent 8 students to the East Auckland Chess Championships. The competition was stiff, with our A team playing the first teams of St Kents, Botany and Macleans, who would go on to win the whole thing. The boys represented us well.

Team members: David Phillips (Captain), Seth Zachary Africa, Anthony Roke, Joshua Pointon, Elyas Eyou, Gary Liu, Joseph Carter, Luca Holmes.



## **Student in the Spotlight: David Phillips Takes Top Junior Honours!**

We're incredibly proud to highlight David Phillips, who recently took home top honours at the challenging P10 Practical club shooting competition in Piopio. This premier .22LR event attracts shooters from across the North Island, testing their skills over eight demanding stages in often tough conditions.

Competitors faced rapidly changing weather, from drizzle and wind to cold temperatures all while hauling their own gear across challenging terrain. It was a true test of endurance for both equipment and participants.

Adding to the challenge, David was also competing for the coveted Top Junior Trophy. While competitors from Taranaki dominated much of the multi-stage match, David fought back hard.

As the competition neared its end, David faced a tough competitor who held a slight lead and seemed to have the edge. However, in the final moments, fatigue and nerves played their part for his opponent, causing him to fall just five points short. An exhausted but triumphant David Phillips ultimately lifted the trophy at the day's close. What an outstanding achievement David.



# 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 4 and 5

We show Māia , we are **Courageous**

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

**Nominees:**

**Ethan Wu, Ethan Henning, Sophia Narayan,  
Peter Beale, Chloe Tu, The Chess Team**

**WINNER: Joshua Hutchinson**

for

**Speaking up when you saw injustice happening**

**AWARDS CHOSEN:**

**STAFF MORNING TEA**