

BOTANY CAMPUS

31 July 2026

DATES

Thursday 6 August

SUBJECT OPTION
INFORMATION
EVENING

Thursday 22 August

CULTURAL NIGHT

Tuesday 27 August

TONY MACLEAN
TRUST MUFTI DAY

Tuesday 27 August

2027 STUDENT
LEADERSHIP
APPLICATIONS CLOSE

**Sunday 30 August -
5 September**

WINTER
TOURNAMENT WEEK

**Monday 7-Wednesday
16 September**

YEAR 11-13 DERIVED
GRADE EXAMS

**Monday 14 - Tuesday
16 September**

YEAR 10 CO-REQUISITE

Nau mai, haere mai ki te Wāhanga 3

I hope all our students and whānau enjoyed a restful break! Now that we are settling into Week 2, it's great to see everyone back, re-energised and ready for what is always one of the most action-packed terms of the school year.

Term 3 is a pivotal block of time across all year levels, requiring steady focus and diligence from day one. For our senior students, academic preparation steps up significantly with the upcoming Derived Grade Examinations and the second round of NCEA Co-requisite assessments. Building consistent study habits now will set everyone up for success.

Alongside our academic push, there is so much to look forward to across the term. We have the vibrant, community-favorite Cultural Night to look forward to, alongside the intensity and camaraderie of Winter Sports Tournament Week. For our emerging leaders, applications for 2027 Student Leadership positions will also open shortly - a fantastic opportunity for students to step up and serve our school community.

It's going to be a full and rewarding 10 weeks. Let's bring our best energy, support one another, and make the most of every opportunity.

2027 Future Planning and Subject Information Evening

Important Information for Years 10-12



The Subject Selection process for 2027 begins this term with an information evening for students in Years 10-12 and their parents. You will hear about our courses at each year level and have the opportunity to interact with Heads of Learning to ask about courses and where they lead in the future. We will also include information about Trades and work placement options.

Botany Campus Auditorium

Thursday 6th August 7pm - 8:30pm



**Elim
Christian
College
Botany**

Student wellbeing, attendance , and mobile phone policy reminder

The health of our students, a focused learning environment, and the integrity of our attendance records remain high priorities for us. To support these goals, we would like to share an important reminder regarding our school procedures for illness, early departures, and mobile phone use.

Mobile Phones: In line with regulations, students are not permitted to use mobile phones during school hours. To maintain an uninterrupted learning space and prevent unnecessary distraction, we kindly ask parents and caregivers not to text or call their child on their personal mobile phone during the school day.

To help us manage this effectively, please follow the correct procedures below:

- If your child feels unwell during the day: Please remind your child not to text home directly. Instead, they must report straight to the School Office / Sickbay. Our trained staff will assess their needs and, if necessary, contact you directly to arrange for pickup or give them time to rest before returning to class. This ensures student safety and keeps our attendance records accurate.
- For scheduled early departures: If you need to collect your child early, please submit the [official webform](#) with the designated pickup time in advance. This allows us to update our system and dispatch a runner to quietly collect your child, minimising disruption to the classroom.

We truly appreciate your partnership and support in keeping our school day running smoothly, safely, and seamlessly for every student.

LEFT TO THEIR OWN DEVICES

with Jo Robertson

Parents will leave with an understanding of the online and offline world that kids navigate today, identifying potential risks and strategies for addressing them.

- ✓ The online landscape: why and how young people are using tech
- ✓ Screen time, gaming, and social media use
- ✓ Understanding online risks: pornography, exploitation, and grooming.
- ✓ Practical strategies: filtering, games and privacy
- ✓ Counter messages, consent & and conversation starters.



For Parents, Caregivers & Grandparents of children aged 4-18-years-old.



Jo Robertson, an experienced therapist and researcher, brings over 17 years of experience working with children, youth, and parents.

Please save the date:

**5 August 2026 at 7pm in
the Golflands Hall**

www.trickychatparenting.com

Scholarship Success: Grace John Heads to Oxford.

We are thrilled to share an inspiring update about Year 12 student Grace John, who had the incredible opportunity to travel to the UK over the school holidays after winning a scholarship to the prestigious Oxford IQ Academy summer programme.

For two weeks, Grace experienced life as an Oxford undergraduate, residing in Oriel College and taking university-level courses in Political Leadership, Global Health & Medicine, Literature, Business, and Law. Taught by world-class tutors from leading institutions like the University of Oxford and NASA, Grace gained invaluable insight into diverse career pathways. Beyond the classroom, she explored Oxford's historic landmarks and built lifelong friendships with fellow students from across the globe.

Reflecting on her journey, Grace shared: "It was an unforgettable, perspective-changing experience both academically and personally. I never imagined I'd have an opportunity like this, and I am so grateful to God for His grace and faithfulness in leading me on this path." We celebrate Grace's achievements and look forward to seeing how this incredible experience continues to shape her journey!

If any other students are interested in applying for this same scholarship, they are strongly encouraged to get in touch with [Mark Stewart](#), our Gateway Coordinator.



Year 10 Skateboard Decks | Miss Michell, Design Art

The last couple of months have been an inspiring season of visual creation in Miss Michell's Year 10 Design Art class. Taking a step away from traditional canvases, students were challenged to transform raw, blank skateboard decks into striking pieces of functional art.

Given full creative control over their concepts, students tackled the challenge head-on. They navigated every step of the design process, blending illustration, painted artwork, and structural composition to suit the unique canvas of a skateboard. The diversity of ideas on display highlights the incredible breadth of imagination and technique within the year group.

The resulting collection is dynamic, bold, and visually stunning. We invite staff, students, and visitors to take a look at these extraordinary pieces, currently on exhibition in the Whānau Office and Room 11 (Art Room).



Designed and painted by Grace Tang, Darren Shen, Leah Ko, Sam Kemps, Zoe Webster



Designed and painted by Indiana Sampson and Bella Langdon

Growing Together: Year 13 Outdoor Education Garden Project



Our Year 13 Outdoor Education class recently put teamwork and sustainability principles into practice by transforming an unused space behind the music studio into a thriving garden.

Working from the ground up, the students constructed sturdy raised garden beds using upcycled pallet wood. The project really took off thanks to the initiative of several keen Year 13s, alongside generous donations from Kings Plant Barn, who supplied seedlings and essential gardening supplies.

Thanks to regular care and a coordinated team effort, the garden beds are now bursting with fresh produce—including impressive heads of broccoli, cauliflower, spinach, and silverbeet!

This hands-on initiative gave students a fantastic opportunity to practise resourcefulness and environmental stewardship. A huge thank you to Kings Plant Barn for supporting our school, and congratulations to the Year 13 OED team on creating a green-thumb project to be proud of!

Sparks & Waves in Senior Physics

Our Senior Physics students have also been busy putting theory into practice! From creating hair-raising electric fields with the Van der Graaff generator to mapping magnetic fields with iron filings and visualising wave interference in wave tanks, practical experiments have been bringing physics to life in the lab.



Botany Sport:

Our Elim sports teams have hit the ground running this term! From Cross Country, Mountain Biking, and Swimming to our weekly Basketball, Football, Hockey, and Netball fixtures, our students have shown incredible grit, sportsmanship, and skill across the board.

July was another standout month, particularly for Basketball and Netball. Our 1st V Boys Basketball team completed a second undefeated regular season in Open A Boys, securing qualification for the Greater Auckland Championships in mid-August. We invite our school community to pack the gym for Senior Night on Tuesday, 4 August (6:30 PM tip-off) as we host One Tree Hill College in their final home game. The team will also head to Rotorua to play Te Koutu ahead of their Championship Final on 11 August and the North Island Tournament. Meanwhile, our U17 Boys sit comfortably mid-table after a great win over St Kentigern, our Junior Boys sit 3rd in the Top 10 playoffs, and our Girls Basketball team continues to show inspiring resilience in a challenging Open A grade.

On the courts, our Netball program continues to build an outstanding culture. The Premier Netball team has recorded just one loss all season, recently topping Howick Senior A twice as they build toward UNISS. The Senior Sapphires earned a fantastic win against One Tree Hill College and a draw against Pakuranga, while our Y9/10 Topaz team topped their opening section and is thriving in championship play.

We also have several high achievements to celebrate across other codes! Congratulations to Elisha Nair (Y10) on her selection to the U16 Moana Pasifika netball team, and a massive shoutout to our B1 Table Tennis Team (Elyas Eyou, Kayson Lee, Levi Eyou), who finished their season undefeated in 1st place and head to the Auckland Championships! Kudos also to Ewan Geyser for his strong showing in the Regional Top Rope Climbing competition, and to our seven Eastern Zone Badminton teams finishing up their season this week.

Thank you to all our coaches, drivers, and supporters for making these opportunities possible. Good luck to all teams as winter competitions continue!

Botany Sport: North Island Track Cycling Success: Chase Wilkinson



Over the break school break, Chase Wilkinson represented Elim at the North Island Track Championships in Cambridge. Facing strong competition from schools across the island, Chase loved testing his skills on the velodrome, having fun, and coming away with fantastic results.

Competing in the U15 Boys Omnium, a grueling multi-race event where overall points determine the top riders, Chase claimed an incredible 3rd place overall.

Individual Omnium Results:

- 2.5km Scratch Race: 1st
- Standing 250m Time Trial: 2nd (Personal Best!)
- 515m Derby: 1st in Heat | 4th in Final
- 3km Point-a-Lap: 6th

Chase also teamed up with riders from other schools in the U16 Boys Composite events, taking 1st place in the Team Pursuit and 2nd place in the Team Sprint.

Outstanding effort and super results, Chase; we are very proud of your achievements!

Botany Sport: Asha Dunn Shines in Netball & Basketball!

Big congratulations to Asha Dunn for an incredible fortnight of high-level sport over the school holidays!

Asha represented the HPNC U16 Maroon team at the Junior North Island Netball Championships in New Plymouth, helping her team secure an impressive 5th-place finish. She then swapped her netball bib for a basketball jersey and competed for Franklin Basketball at the Basketball New Zealand U18 National Championships.

Asha loved the challenge of competing at a national level across both codes. We are immensely proud of you, Asha!



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. Below is a list of students who have been nominated so far this term

We show Pukuahuwhenua , we are **Diligent**

The following students were recognised for displaying this value, and were nominated for the award:

Nominees:

Timothy Nickoley
Jamie Spurdle
Alisa Hernandez
Jaydon Finley

WINNERS:

Alisa Hernandez

AWARDS CHOSEN:

Chocolate