

Monday 13th May 2024

Dear Parent / Caregiver

### **AIMS Games Interest Registration**

We are very excited to offer the opportunity for our students to represent Elim Christian College at the Annual AIMS Games Tournament again for 2024. AIMS games is the pinnacle of sports tournaments for Year 7 and Year 8 students across the country. It is a very competitive event held in Tauranga, where tournaments are held for 25 different sports over the span of a week. Intermediate schools from across the country and internationally, enter teams and individuals to compete in their chosen sport.

It will be held from **Sunday 8th September - Friday 13th September 2024.**

This year, we are delighted to be sending a Netball and Boys Basketball team to AIMS Games. Teams have been selected for these two sports and they are busy preparing for the tournament.

In addition to offering these sports codes to compete at AIMS Games, we would like to see what interest there is for an introduction of another team sport code to attend AIMS Games and represent Elim Christian College.

**This letter is to gauge the interest and commitment we have for students attending in order to make a decision about which additional sports code we take into consideration.**

This is not a compulsory camp and the cost of the trip will approximately be between **\$650-\$800 for the whole week. This will include costs for transport, accommodation, food, entry fees and additional activities.**

**You will need to commit to paying this cost, should your child be selected to represent Elim. The school does not fund this camp.**

Due to the cost involved, there will be fundraising opportunities provided for the teams that have been selected should you wish to participate in fundraising for your child. More information will be sent out once teams have been selected.

**Please note that this is just an interest form. The entry of the team will also be dependent on the accommodation available, the number of students interested, and finding a coach/manager for the team to prepare them and attend the tournament.**

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**Trials are open to Year 7 and 8 students only.**

Please note: You do not have to have prior experience to trial. Although a good understanding of the game is helpful.

**Trial dates will be confirmed by email once the registration is closed. At this stage, we are just wanting to confirm the appetite for these sports codes. If we do not have enough island ongoing interest, we will not be able to enter the team.**

AIMS Games is a very competitive tournament, which involves competing against Intermediate schools from across the Country and International Schools. Because of the nature of the tournament, the trial will allow us to select our top players to compete.

**In completing the online permission form, you give permission for your child to trial, and if selected they will commit to attending the tournament. You also understand the nature of the trials and recognize that not all who trial will be selected. The selection process is up to the discretion of those in charge of running the trial; who will select students they believe to be the top players.**

In trials for the team, the selected students must be available for weekly training and games in the lead-up to the tournament. Students must also be available for the full week of AIMS Games (8th September - 13<sup>th</sup> September 2024) and will need to commit to pay the \$650.00-\$800 (approx) trip fee. As this is an optional event the school does not cover the costs of AIMS games.

**Parents/Caregivers: Please complete the online trial permission form by Thursday 16th May 2024 should you wish your child to trial for one of the team/s representing Elim Christian College.**

[AIMS Games Interest Registration Form](#)

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#### **INDIVIDUAL SPORT CODES:**

We also want to offer opportunities for students who compete competitively in an individual sport code to enter and compete in their chosen sport. For example: Tennis, Cross Country, Gymnastics, Swimming.

Please use the link below to see what sports are on offer.

If your child would like to enter please complete the registration form below and I will be in contact with you to confirm details and registration. Training must be organised by parents outside of school to prepare students for these events. We do not offer training in school.

[AIMS Games Individual Sport Code](#)

**Please understand that as a parent/caregiver, you will be responsible for the transport, supervision and accommodation of your child over the dates of their event.**

Here is the list of sports available at AIMS Games.

[AIMS Games - All Sports](#)

Should you have any queries, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

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