

BOTANY CAMPUS

22 May 2026

DATES

Monday 22-23 May

MUNA TRIP

Tuesday 25-29 May

CO-REQUISITE
ASSESSMENTS

Tuesday 9 June

YEAR 10 ENTERPRISE
DAY

Wednesday 10
June

YEAR 11-13 CAREERS
EXPO

Saturday 20 June

SCHOOL BALL

Thursday 25 June

PARENT-TEACHER
CONFERENCES

Monday 29 June

PARENT TEACHER
CONFERENCES

Full steam ahead for Term 2

Term 2 is officially in full swing, and it's wonderful to see our students back on campus with such focus and energy. The settling in period is over, and everyone has found their rhythm. We are also thrilled to share that we have brand-new outdoor furniture installed around the campus! It's already fantastic to see students utilising these fresh spaces to connect, study, and relax during their breaks. Adding to that, we now have a coffee cart available for students every lunchtime. It's a great spot to grab a warm drink and enjoy the new outdoor seating area.

To help you stay organised, here are a few upcoming highlights for your calendar:

- **Year 10 Assessment Week:** NCEA Co-requisite assessments will take place from Monday, May 25th to Friday, May 29th, this term.
- **The School Ball:** We hope our senior students have their outfits ready for Saturday, June 20th.
- **Parent-Teacher Conferences:** Please mark Thursday, June 25th and Monday, June 29th in your diaries. Stay tuned for booking instructions, which will be sent out closer to the time.



School Health and Attendance Process

The health of our students and the integrity of our attendance records remain a high priority. To support these goals, we would like to share a gentle reminder regarding our protocols for illness and early departures.

Should your child feel unwell during the school day, please encourage them to report directly to the school office. Our staff will assess their needs and, depending on the situation, will either contact you to arrange for collection or provide a quiet space in the sickbay for them to recover before returning to class.

For any scheduled early departures, we kindly ask that parents and caregivers submit the official [webform](#) indicating the pickup time. This allows us to update our records accurately and dispatch a runner to notify your child, ensuring a smooth transition out of the classroom. To help us maintain a focused learning environment, we ask that you refrain from contacting your child via their mobile phone as students are not allowed to use their phone during school hours.

We truly appreciate your partnership in keeping our school day running seamlessly for every student.

Year 12 Chemistry Internal Assessment Success



In Term 1, our Year 12 Chemistry cohort successfully completed their internal standard focused on titrations. Embracing the classic lab chant, "Slow drop, swirl fast, colour change in the flask," students developed their practical analytical skills. The assessment required them to quantitatively analyse commercially available product such as floor cleaners, pool acids, and brick/concrete cleaners, using acid-base titration reactions to verify manufacturer ingredient claims. Congratulations to all students on their hard work and successful results.

Year 13 Accounting: Theory Meets Practice at Tip Top

Recently our Year 13 Accounting students stepped out of the classroom and onto the factory floor with a visit to the Tip Top production facility.

The goal of the trip was to help students bridge the gap between textbook theory and industrial application. By observing Tip Top's large-scale manufacturing process, the class gained firsthand insight into how materials, labour, and overhead costs are meticulously tracked in a real-world business environment. Of course, no visit to Tip Top would be complete without a taste test and students enjoyed a well-earned ice cream at the end of the tour, making for a sweet conclusion to a very productive day.



Year 11's Drama Trip to the Theatre

Our Year 11 Drama students recently stepped out of the classroom and into the red seats of the ASB Waterfront Theatre for a powerful performance of *Waiora: Te Ūkaipō* (The Homeland).

Written and directed by Hone Kouka, this seminal piece of New Zealand theatre provided our students with a profound window into the Māori experience during the urban drift of the 1960s. The play follows a whānau who migrates from the East Coast to the South Island in search of a "better life".

For our cohort, watching the characters navigate the tension between their roots and their new, often alienating surroundings, was more than just a show. It was an immersive masterclass. It was moving to see our students engage so deeply with these heavy themes of:

- Cultural Identity: The struggle to hold onto one's heritage.
- Loss: The personal cost of displacement.
- Whānau: The enduring strength of family bonds.

Miss James



Duke of Edinburgh Silver Tramp

While rain drenched Auckland and other parts of New Zealand near the end of Term one, eight BC students enjoyed three days of walking in the ancient untouched feel of Whirinaki Te Pua-a-Tāne Conservation Park.

Drooping moss covered most of the trees, native whio (blue duck) frolicked in the clear blue waters of Whirinaki River, and a gentle fire in the hut's dining room kept us warm all afternoon while it drizzled outside. Plans were adapted to account for changing weather, which reduced our chances of being blocked in by rising rivers, but on the whole ten people had a wonderful time enjoying God's green earth.



Barista Training Success

Recently a group of Year 11 and Gateway students successfully completed a two-day Barista course at the Elim Church Café. This hands-on experience gave students a taste of the hospitality industry, covering everything from espresso preparation to professional customer service.



By the end of the course, students had not only served a range of drinks, but also earned 10 Level 2 credits. This qualification provides an excellent stepping stone for those looking toward Gateway opportunities or part-time employment in the service industry. Well done to all involved.

Botany Sport:

Strategy and Success at the Chess Power Tournament

Our school's strategic minds were on full display as we took a talented squad of 11 players to Mt Albert Grammar School for the Senior Division of the Chess Power Term 2 Tournament. Facing off against some of the region's sharpest players, our team navigated a day of intense tactical battles with great focus and resilience.

Against a highly competitive field, our players earned a series of hard fought results, ultimately securing 5th place overall in the school standings.

Beyond the scoreboard, our students represented the school beautifully, showcasing excellent sportsmanship. The event was a wonderful opportunity for them to network and share strategies with peers from other schools. Most importantly, everyone had a great time, returning with more confidence, sharp new insights, and a shared eagerness to keep growing as chess players.



Sprint Series Success for our Orienteers

Last term, a massive squad of 48 students from Years 7-13 proudly represented Elim Christian College in the annual Orienteering Sprint Series.

The series kicked off at Mission Heights Junior College, where students faced tough conditions and a record number of checkpoints right out of the gate. Despite the tricky course, everyone pushed through with incredible determination. The excitement continued into the following week at Bucklands Beach Intermediate and Pigeon Mountain Primary School. Navigating a course split across two campuses in the blistering heat was no easy feat, but our students rose to the challenge, with many shaving impressive amounts of time off their previous runs.

Congratulations to Luca and the entire team for their grit, navigation skills, and excellent sportsmanship throughout the series!



2026 National Track Cycling Championships: Chase Wilkinson

A huge congratulations to Chase Wilkinson (Year 10), who recently competed at the Track National Championships in Invercargill. As New Zealand's premier national track cycling event, the competition was fierce, but Chase's dedication and hard work truly paid off.

Competing in the Boys U15 Grade across numerous events, Chase had an incredible week of racing. His intensive training was on full display, leading to some phenomenal national results:

- Gold Medal & National Title: 500m Time Trial
- Silver Medal: 3km Scratch Race (featuring a brilliant, hard-fought attack with three laps to go!)

Honourable Mention: Chase also came agonisingly close to a bronze medal in the Team Sprint. Despite his composite team partner unfortunately crashing out, Chase showed incredible resilience to finish just shy of the podium.

Chase is thrilled with his achievements, and the school community couldn't be prouder of his outstanding success. Outstanding effort, Chase!



Counties Manukau Basketball Representative's Donovan Reckling and Jadyen Chandra

We would like to extend a huge congratulations to Donovan Reckling (Year 13) and Jayden Chandra (Year 13), who have both been selected for the Counties Manukau Under 20 Men's Basketball representative team!

Securing a spot is a fantastic achievement, as both Donovan and Jayden were selected from a massive pool of talented players who trialled from across the region.

We are incredibly proud of you both, wish you the absolute best for the upcoming season, and look forward to hearing how your representative tournaments go!



Careers and Gateway: Eastern Cluster Careers Expo 2026: Exploring Future Pathways

On Wednesday, 10 June, all Year 11-13 students from the Botany Campus will attend the Eastern Cluster Careers Expo at the Howick Recreation Centre. Following the immense success of last year's event, the 2026 expo is set to host nearly 2,800 students from nine local schools.

This is a premier opportunity for our students to engage with approximately 50 exhibitors, ranging from universities and polytechnics to trades, apprenticeship providers, and industry leaders.

- **Student Session:** Students will visit the expo during school hours from 12:00 PM to 1:00 PM. Transportation via school bus is provided.
- **Evening Session:** The expo re-opens from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM for parents and caregivers. We highly encourage families to attend the evening session together to explore the diverse career options available and discuss future goals.



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 Aroha , we are **Kind**

We show Māia , we are **Courageous**

We show Manaakitanga , we are **Respectful**

We show Pukuahuwhenua , we are **Diligent**

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

Nominees:

AROHA: Ah Li Marip, Abigail Martin, Kaitlyn van Niekerk, Mikayla Joyce

MĀIA: Annabelle Holmes

MANAAKITANGA: Cleo Hofer, Simone Gertos, Judy Jin, Zillah Song

PUKUAHUWHENUA: Alayah Finley, Madison Garrett, Amanda Kirby, Aimee Lee, Lainey O'Dwyer, Sarah Stoltz

WINNERS:

Abigail Martin, Annabelle Holmes,

AWARDS CHOSEN:

Chocolate