

# BOTANY CAMPUS

Friday 12 May

## Term 2 : Week 3

STEPHEN BRISCOE - DEPUTY PRINCIPAL (SENIOR YEARS)

We look forward to Hosanna week which is next week. This is student-led, with a range of speakers and events that will give students the opportunity to press into and grow in their relationship with Jesus on a personal level.

### **RYDA - Year 12**

If your child is in Year 12, you would have received information about the RYDA day on Wednesday 24 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 [graeme.foster@elim.school.nz](mailto:graeme.foster@elim.school.nz) before Friday 19 May.

### **Are you aware of the social media accounts and aliases your child may have?**

It has come to our attention that there are social media accounts being created with the intent to be negative towards others within our school. Please partner with us to ensure social media bullying does not occur in our community. We are doing all that we can to find the owners of these accounts as we are made aware of them. However, as social media is with us all hours of the day and content is being published outside of school hours parent support is a key factor to stop this.

I ask that if your child has access to a device you would regularly check which accounts they have active, and if you become aware of any accounts being used to create content that is harmful to others, that the accounts would be deleted.

## DATES

**WEDNESDAY 24 MAY**

Y12 RYDA

**THURSDAY 25 MAY**

Y11 ROSTERING AT HOME  
DAY

**TUESDAY 30 MAY**

Y13 ROSTERING AT HOME  
DAY

**THURSDAY 1 JUNE**

Y12 ROSTERING AT HOME  
DAY

**MONDAY 5 JUNE**

KINGS BIRTHDAY -  
SCHOOL CLOSED

**TUESDAY 6 JUNE**

TEACHER ONLY DAY -  
SCHOOL CLOSED

## TAIWAN TRIP 2023

Taiwan Team

‘It’s good to be comfortable with being uncomfortable.’

In April this year, twelve Year 11-13 students from both the Botany and Mt Albert campuses, along with two teachers, had the amazing opportunity to go to Taiwan on a cultural exchange trip. During our time in Taiwan, we visited three cities: Taipei, Hualien, and Taitung, where we visited the old streets Jiufen and Shifen, spent a fun night at the aquarium, visited five schools, and made many new friends. The trip gave us valuable insight into a culture vastly different from ours, allowing us to step out of our comfort zone while having a great time.

During our travels, we learnt a great deal about the history, customs, and way of life in Taiwan, such as the language and the flavourful local cuisine. A personal highlight for many of us was experiencing the life of a typical Taiwanese high school student, where each of us spent a full school day of nine hours at one of the high schools. Additionally, we gained a newfound appreciation for the importance of communication and language. Attempting to overcome the language barrier with our broken Mandarin was quite a struggle at first, but during the course of the trip we managed to learn a few more phrases to take back to New Zealand.

A great trip starts with great teamwork. Our team made this possible and we were so blessed to have this opportunity to be able to learn more about ourselves, the inclusive Taiwanese culture, and the value of appreciating one another. This trip has also helped many of us to become more independent and better organized. We truly appreciate the hard work of Mrs Liu and Mr Briscoe in making this trip possible. Many commented that they would definitely love to go to Taiwan again to visit the places and newly-formed friends!

Overall, our trip to Taiwan was a transformative experience that expanded our worldview and provided us with new insights and perspectives, and the memories and lessons we took away from this trip will definitely stay with us for years to come.









## YEAR 12 & 13 GEOGRAPHY

Mr Nigel Cato (Geography Teacher)

Students studying Year 12 and Year 13 Geography are conducting an investigation into the characteristics of different beach types. On the 28th of May, we visited Eastern Beach, and on the 5th of May, we braved the weather to travel to Tawharanui, where we studied two contrasting beaches: Anchor Bay and Jones Bay. The students measured beach profiles and wind speeds, observed surf and wave conditions and took sediment samples. Once back at school, they analyse this data in order to better understand the different natural elements, processes, and agents that interact to form coastal environments.



## GATEWAY

Mr Daniel Charman (Gateway Lead)

In the Term 1 holiday, several students attended hands-on Gateway programmes in their areas of interest. Monante Van Zyl and Amisha Chauhan completed a 10-day Front of House placement with Air New Zealand, where they earned 12 Level 3 credits and were given the opportunity to interact with passengers at check-in kiosks gaining valuable experience to enhance their customer service skills.

Ikihele Evile completed a 10-day Future Foodies Bakery Programme where he developed new skills and learnt about operations within the bakery section at Pak'nSave, gaining him 18 Level 3 credits.

We have several Gateway students who are seeking a building placement to support their studies through BCITO. If you have any building contacts or know of any builders who may be willing to support a student, please email [gateway@elim.school.nz](mailto:gateway@elim.school.nz).

# Kotahitanga Award

Every week we focus on what it means to exemplify one of our school values. Throughout the week teachers look for students displaying the selected value and nominate them for a prize draw made during our Friday assemblies.

Week 3 focus:

We are **RESPECTFUL**, We show **MANAAKITANGA**

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

David Phillips  
Tabitha Boswell  
Oliver Sands  
Chiara Samuel

**WINNER: Jedida Va'afusuaga**

for

"Being attentive, responsive and respectful"

**AWARD CHOSEN:** still to be chosen!