



“Christians who understand biblical truth and have the courage to live it out can indeed redeem a culture, or even create one. This is the challenge facing all of us in the new millennium.”

Charles W. Colson, How Now Shall We Live?

The Elim Oversight wishes to announce the formal launch of the Elim Education Office. We have seen the growth of Elim education from one non-integrated school of 80 students on one site to now having 3 stand-alone state integrated schools across Auckland, with a current total maximum roll of 2170 students and 4 physical school sites or centres of hope!

Seeing the outworking of our vision to Reach, Serve and Influence is both exciting and humbling. The grace and provision of God, the stewardship of our people and the commitment from our parent communities is enabling Elim Education to bring a future and hope to the generations.

From the integration of Cascade Christian College in 1997 (subsequently Elim Christian College), its expansion with the provision of the Golflands Campus in 2012, the addition of the Mt Albert Campus in 2018 through to the establishment of both the Mt Albert and Henderson Elim Christian Colleges formally opened in February 2024 – the journey of Elim Education thus far has been extraordinary. We praise God.

The **Elim Education Office** (EEO) under the governance of the Elim Oversight (Elim Proprietor Trust) and leadership of its CEO, will provide guardianship to lead, shape, coach and enable Elim Christian Colleges to pursue Biblical truth and Christian discipleship through Christian schooling or centres of hope. It will add value to:

- the shaping of our high performing schools with a Christ-centred DNA
- the building of a strong effective special character
- the discipleship growth of Elim education practitioners
- the exploration of strategic transformative initiatives to promote leading practice
- the coaching of school leadership teams and structures
- the equipping of school governance for best practice and strategic direction
- the enabling of strategic internal and external partnerships and synergies

To provide leadership for the establishment and work of EEO, the Elim Proprietors Trust will appoint Murray Burton, Principal of Elim Christian College Botany-Golflands to be its first CEO. The CEO will be supported by an advisory board consisting of Steve Green, Danie Vermeulen and Dr Lehan Stemmet.

Having been the Principal of Elim Christian College since January 2003, strategically working with the Elim Proprietors Trust to bring Elim education to this point, Murray is ideally positioned for this role.

Murray will therefore, at the end of 2024, step out of his principal's role of Elim Christian College Botany-Golflands. The college Board has established a transition team, working in collaboration with the Elim Proprietors Trust to oversee the appointment of the principal role at Elim Christian College Botany-Golflands.

The Elim Christian College Botany-Golflands Board and the Elim Proprietor Trust value your prayers as they guide this change and embark on this all-important appointment process.

*"For I know the **plans** I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you **hope** and a **future**."*

Jeremiah 29:11

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