

Tuesday 3 March 2026

Kia ora Parents / Caregivers,

## **Year 7 & 8 Basketball – Term 2/3, 2026**

We are seeking expressions of interest from committed Year 7 & 8 students who would like to represent Elim Christian College in the Underdog Basketball Competition in Term 2, 2026. There are two separate interest forms, one for boys and one for girls — please ensure you complete the correct form for your child.

Follow the appropriate link below to complete the form and register your child's interest by **Friday 13th March**.

[Elim Y7/8 BOYS Underdog & AIMS Games 2026 Basketball Interest Form](#)

[Elim Y7/8 GIRLS Underdog 2026 Basketball Interest Form](#)

***Please note:** This is an expression of interest only. The number of registrations will determine team numbers.*

### **Competition Details**

**Event:** Underdog Basketball League – Term 2, 2026 (Y7 & Y8)  
**Venue/Game times:** Pakuranga College – from 6.00pm (Grade A & B)  
Mission Heights Junior College – from 4.30pm (Grade C & Phoenix Girls Grade)  
**Game Day:** Wednesday evenings (exact dates TBC - 8 weeks in Term 2)  
**Cost:** TBC (\$75–\$90 per player, depending on final team numbers)

### **Transport**

Parents/caregivers are responsible for transporting students to and from games each week. Carpooling with other families is encouraged. Please note that no school transport will be provided.

### **Y7/8 Boys Trials**

**Date:** Tuesday 17 March

**Time:** 3.15pm – 5.30pm

**Venue:** GC Hall

Y7/8 Boys are expected to attend trials. If your son is unable to attend, please advise Mrs Dunn prior to the trial date. Team placement for students who do not trial will be at the discretion of the selectors. We will only be holding a trial for Y7/8 girls if there is interest sufficient for more than one team.

### **Entry Requirements & Commitment**

- A minimum of 8–10 students is required to form a team.
- Each team must have a parent coach and manager confirmed.  
Students are expected to demonstrate commitment to the team, including attending weekly trainings and games.
- Students must provide their own mouthguard, which must be worn at all games.

### **Coaches, Managers & Umpires**

We require parent support in the following roles:

- **Coaches**
- **Managers** (must attend weekly games and assist with scoring)

An older sibling may assist as coach; however, each team must have a parent/caregiver manager for supervision and organisation.

*\*The school operates in line with MOE best practice. All volunteers must hold a current police clearance. If you are unsure of your vetting status, please contact the school office.*

## **AIMS Games Basketball – 2026 (Boys only)**

We are also inviting expressions of interest from Year 7 & 8 boys who wish to represent Elim Christian College at AIMS Games in September 2026. The AIMS team will compete together in the Underdog League during Terms 2 and 3 to prepare for the tournament.

AIMS Games is a week-long national sporting event held in Tauranga. In 2026, it will run from Sunday 6 September to Friday 11 September. The AIMS Basketball 5-a-side Tournament will be played at Mercury Baypark Arena.

**Estimated Cost:** Approximately \$650–\$800 per player (dependent on fundraising and final team numbers).

Thank you for registering your child's interest. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to email me.

Ngā mihi nui,  
Mrs Dunn

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