



18<sup>th</sup> February 2025

Dear Parents / Caregivers

**GCJY Year 5 Camp Permission Form – Willow Park - 12th - 14th March**

Each year a camp is held for students in Year 5. We see this as an integral part of the school programme, as it provides different kinds of experiences that cannot be found in the classroom, including relationship and team building, pressing into God in a unique environment, and being challenged with activities they may never have done before. This camp is highly recommended and designed to grow friendships, courage, independence and life experiences. We have always seen this Year 5 camp as an essential part of our special character programme at Elim Christian College. It challenges both physically and more importantly spiritually. Students will be spending some time talking about camp in class the first few weeks of this term, as well as completing a camp booklet so they can feel prepared for the experience.

We will provide some information about camp to all parents who attend the upcoming 'Welcome to our learning spaces' evening on Thursday 13th February.

There will be a further meeting for all parent helpers who are attending camp on Thursday, 27th February at 6pm in the GC staffroom. If there are any families who are able to lend a life jacket for students to use when kayaking, it would be much appreciated, please contact your child's pastoral care teacher to let them know.

The details are as follows:

**Dates:** Wednesday 12th March - Friday 14th March 2025  
**Venue:** Willow Park Christian Camp, Bucklands Beach  
**Transport:** Students to be dropped off by and picked up from Willow park  
**Time:** Drop off 8:30 am, Pick up 2:30 pm  
**What to bring:** A comprehensive gear list will be sent out soon  
**Cost:** \$220.00

**Payment in full is required before camp** - this will be charged to your child's KAMAR account, to enable you to pay via the parent portal. (If you need assistance with logging in to the parent portal, please contact [golflands@elim.school.nz](mailto:golflands@elim.school.nz)). We are required to advise the camp of the confirmed number of attendees, therefore payments are required to be made before **26th February 2025**. If you need to discuss this, please contact Mrs Brieta Groenewald in the strictest of confidence at [brieta.groenewald@elim.school.nz](mailto:brieta.groenewald@elim.school.nz).

Students who do not attend camp will be expected to attend school each day and work will be provided.

**Parents/Caregivers:** Please complete the student permission form using the link provided by **Friday 14th February**. If you are interested in coming as a parent helper either for a day, or for the whole camp please complete the parent helper interest form below by **Friday 14th February** also. Please keep in mind you will need to have current Police Vetting through our school office to come to camp.

**Please complete the online camp form by visiting:**

[GCJY Year 5 Camp Student Permission Form](#)

[Year 5 Camp - Parent Helper interest form](#)



Thank you for your commitment to our programme, we are looking forward to our three fabulous days away.  
Yours sincerely,

**Mrs Kim James and Mrs Juliana Lee**

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