



Dear Parents/ Caregivers

Thank you to everyone for your understanding and patience as we have continued our shift to effective and manageable online learning prompted by the COVID-19 lockdown.

Elim Christian College Online (ECCO) is our digital learning platform at Elim Christian College. More specifically, in the Middle Years, ECCO, is hosted on a world-class learning management system called Schoology. Schoology gives our students one place to find all school communications and all their academic work in a password secured virtual learning network.

Information for Year 9 Students and their Families

Students can log in to Schoology at: www.elim.schoology.com with their school email address and password (KAMAR).

Starting the Day

Once logged in to Schoology, we recommend that students engage in what we call 'Hauora Time'. These are in place of our Tutor time slots and will be posted to the 'GCMY Students' group by Mrs Britten (head of counselling) every morning. They then have access to all of their subject classes under 'courses'. For each course (subject), students will see daily updates and messages from their teacher(s). These are posted under the course (subject) 'updates'. Students will find all of the course work under 'Materials' which is located under each course (subject). This is where they will find all the information that they need to do the task(s) set.

We recommend that for Year 9 students...

- log in first thing to access their course content.
- spend no more than three hours online each day.
(*This allocation can be divided into a 1.5 hour morning session and 1.5 hour in the afternoon*)
- optional: Facetime / Zoom / WhatsApp their classmates to do appropriate classwork together.
- message their teachers through Schoology.
- try their best to engage in classwork, but do not get anxious if they cannot complete it.

Please Note

Online learning is compulsory from Wednesday **15th April**, but during the term holidays students are not expected to do any schoolwork as teachers will not be posting any tasks / homework. All communication with teachers should continue in Term 2 through Schoology. Please note that direct emails will not be answered immediately.

Finally, we are wanting engagement and enjoyment in these online courses. Self-management will improve and the current situation is a great opportunity for students to grow in this. We believe that learning together at home in this season is more about building relationships than being frustrated about task completion. Thank you for your support during this time. We are anticipating innovative and creative feedback about your home learning experiences.

We as a staff are praying for you and your families as you follow government guidelines about staying healthy and safe during this lockdown. We look forward to seeing you back at school on the other end!

Kind regards

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