



Friday 24th September 2021

Dear Parents / Whānau / Caregivers

GC Year 9 Camp Permission Form – Camp Adair, Hunua Ranges, November 17-19th 2021

We are delighted to inform you of our much anticipated Year 9 camp. This essential special character Year 9 activity has been a highlight of our school over the years. Although this is an optional activity, we strongly encourage and expect all Year 9 students at our Golflands Campus to attend.

Camps are an integral part of the school experience and we believe they offer growth experiences which cannot be found within the classroom or at home. This is an opportunity for Year 9 Students to challenge themselves during activities, to make meaningful connections with peers and staff and to encounter God during our worship nights with special guest speakers. The focus for this camp is to grow individual leadership of all year 9 students and to also prepare them for various roles of school and personal leadership. As a teaching team, we believe that leadership begins with "leadership of self" and that every student will benefit from developing these skills through a range of opportunities and fellowship at camp. We have always seen this Year 9 camp as an essential part of our special character programme at Elim Christian College. It challenges both physically and more importantly spiritually. To enable this camp to happen we need 100% of parents to contribute the \$315, otherwise it simply cannot go ahead.

Dates: Wednesday 17th - Friday 19th November 2021
Venue: Camp Adair, 2487 Hunua Rd, Hunua 2583
Transport: School vans and bus (**ALL students requiring transport must be at GC by 8.40am**)
Time: Departing Golflands Campus at 9.30am Wednesday
Arriving back to Golflands Campus approx. 2pm Friday
What to bring: A comprehensive gear list will be sent out early Term 4
Cost: \$315

DECLARATION: This trip / Activity is Optional. Participation will cost \$315 per student and will be invoiced via KAMAR to enable you to pay this via the parent portal. If you do not know how to access the portal please email accounts@elim.school.nz.

Please arrange to make payment by Monday 1st November 2021.**

**Should you be unable to pay by this date, payment options and plans can easily be set up. Please do not hesitate to contact accounts@elim.school.nz regarding this.

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The programme activities are 'challenge by choice', meaning that they are highly encouraged but not compulsory, and a teacher and/or camp instructor will be present with every group. This year's activity lineup includes High Swing, Archery, Air Rifles, Multivine, Confidence Course, Abseiling, Kayaking, Initiatives (Team Problem Solving), Mud Slide, and a Camp Fire. An exciting addition to the Year 9 Camp this year is that they will all be spending a night up at 'Field Camp', where they learn bush craft skills, build bivouacs, and get to camp out in them under the stars - this is often a crowd favourite!

Please complete the Online Camp Permission Form by using this link: <https://tinyurl.com/elim-Y9camp-2021>

Thank you for your commitment and support to our programme in advance and we look forward to a successful Y9 camp next term.

Yours sincerely,

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Year 9 Whānau Leader

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