



A FUTURE & A HOPE

GOLFLANDS CAMPUS JUNIOR YEARS

WELCOME BACK TO 2025

Kia ora Parents, Caregivers & Whānau,

We eagerly welcome all students, parents, and staff back to school! To those joining our community, a warm welcome awaits.

We anticipate a year of remarkable growth, both academically and spiritually. Let's cultivate a love for learning, a spirit of inquiry, and a deep understanding of God's word.

As Proverbs 3:5-6 guides us, "Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will direct your paths."

This first newsletter has information that will help towards an informed start to the year. This is in addition to the information provided in the Principal's update you already received.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you cannot find the information you are looking for on our website - <https://www.elim.school.nz/> or in the student handbook - <https://sites.google.com/elim.school.nz/student-handbook/>.

A warm welcome to Mr Julian Adamson, our new Principal at Elim Christian College and Mrs Shannon Bester who joins our Phase 2 team at Junior Years.

We are looking forward to seeing all our students and families return on the 3rd of February for the new school year.

Ngā mihi nui
Mrs Brieta Groenewald
Deputy Principal (Golflands Campus Junior Years)

JUNIOR YEARS LEADERSHIP TEAM

Phase 1 Leaders (Years 0-3):

Mrs Ingrid Kruger and Mrs Weina Wei

Phase 2 Leaders (Years 4-6):

Mrs Juliana Lee and Mrs Kim James

Mrs Larissa Schick (**Math Lead**), Mrs Candice Wilson (**Literacy Lead**)

Mrs Anna van Leeuwen (**Assistant Junior Years Lead**) and Mrs Brieta Groenewald (**Deputy Principal - Junior Years**)

TERM 1 UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday, 3 February:

First day of school for all students.

Thursday, 6th February:

School closed - Waitangi day

Thursday, 13 February:

Welcome to our Learning Spaces
Evening
6pm - 7.30pm

Fridays, 14 February till 4 April:

Weekly swimming lessons for
Year 3 - 6 Students

Tuesday, 18 February:

Photolife Portrait Photos

Ministry Provided Teacher Development Day (Year 1 - 8)

7 March

Year 5 Camp

12 - 14 March

Cultural day

Thursday, 3 April

Winning house mufti (free of charge)

Thursday, 10 April

Easter Assembly at Botany Campus

11 April at 8.40am

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL

3rd February 2025 (Monday) - School begins at 8.40am

There will be class lists displayed on the hall windows, library wall facing the admin block and in front of each classroom. Students can go straight to their classrooms.

New JY students:

Rooms 11-14 / Years 5-6 are located alongside the blue library block.

Rooms 1-8 / Years 1 - 4 are located on the far right.

UNIFORM

Please refer to the school website for requirements and further information regarding uniform expectations. <https://www.elim.school.nz/uniform/> Please ensure that all items are clearly named.

Please note:

- Short-sleeved polo shirts must be worn in Terms 1/4.
- Year 0-6 students must wear a regulation uniform sun hat in Terms 1 and 4, when outside. No hat -No play. Students will be required to stay under the shade of the veranda.
- Sandals may only be worn in Term 1 and Term 4. Shoes and socks may be worn all year round.
- For girls whose hair reaches the collar, it must be tied up and off the face at all times. Hair for boys must not reach the collar and must be off the face at all times. If it is tied up a single black hair tie is permitted.

STATIONERY



BACK TO SCHOOL STATIONERY 2025 - ORDER NOW!

We've teamed up with OfficeMax to make your back to school shop super easy.

Your child's class list is already loaded. Just go to myschool.co.nz. Simply add your details, check that you want everything on the list, then click and confirm – and OfficeMax will get your delivery underway as soon as possible.

You can pay by internet banking, credit card or debit card. Laybuy* is also available, so you can pay in 6 weekly, interest-free payments and still get your order right away. Plus you'll be helping our school earn school rewards* that we use to purchase much needed extra resources for our school.

We encourage you to order early to ensure your child has all their stationery requirements ready to go in plenty of time for the start of Term 1.

So go ahead and beat the back to school rush, order today and give them the best start possible.

*Terms and Conditions apply, see myschool.co.nz for details. ^Exclusions apply, see myschool.co.nz/delivery for details.

SWIMMING - YEAR 3 - 6



Swimming at Lloyd Elsmore – Term 1

The John Walker Find Your Field of Dreams Foundation has invited Elim Christian College to participate in their Community Swim programme. Please see below for the dates and times for your child's lessons; this information will also be included in the Term 1, 2025's permission / information notice:

Starts: Friday, 14 February 2025 and Last Friday of swimming: 4 April 2025.

10.00am - Room 11 (Year 6) (Bus leaves at 9.30am)

10.30am - Room 1 (Year 3)

11.00am - Room 2 (Year 3)

11.30am - Room 3 (Year 4)

12.30 pm - Room 4 (Year 4)

1.00pm - Room 12 (Year 6)

1.30pm - Room 14 (Year 5)

2.00pm - Room 13 (Year 5)

The Community Swim Bus will pick each group up approximately 30 minutes before each lesson.

Please let your child's Pastoral Care Teacher know if you can help supervise these sessions, and come on the bus to ensure we have the correct adult/child ratio for safety reasons.

If we do not have enough adult helpers we will not be able to attend the lesson.

Please contact your child's Pastoral Care Teacher as soon as possible if you are able to assist. Police vetting is required for all Parent Helpers. If you need more information about Police Vetting please email golflands@elim.school.nz

Your child will be taking part in swimming lessons with Community Swim. Eight 30-minute learn to swim lessons are delivered by qualified swimming instructors from the Swimgym swim school. The children are transported to and from school in special Community Swim buses.

The goal of the Community Swim Programme is to enable all children to develop the basic life skill of swimming and water survival skills. This aids them to realize the opportunities that await when the door to the world of aquatics is opened.

If your child owns a pair of goggles, we recommend they bring these along as this will assist considerably with their learning to swim. If your child has long hair, please ensure this is tied up for swimming.

WASTE MANAGEMENT AND MINIMISATION

- All students are required to take their morning-tea and lunch wrappers, uneaten food, etc. home with them. They cannot dispose of it at school.
- All containers/wrappers from our lunch providers (Subway, U-Sushi and Pita Pit) must be taken home to be disposed of. The bins at school cannot accommodate this volume of rubbish.
- The recycling bins at Golflands Campus have little provision for landfill items and food scraps.

Together with the above deliberate measures to reduce waste, increase recycling and improve sustainability, we would also like to strongly encourage all our parents to pack lunches in reusable containers and to buy in bulk.





STUDENT SAFETY AROUND SCHOOLS

THIS IS A COURTESY NOTICE ON BEHALF OF THE ELIM CHRISTIAN COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES TO ASSIST THE SCHOOL COMMUNITY IN TRAFFIC MOVEMENT AROUND THE GOLFLANDS CAMPUS DURING DROP-OFF AND PICK-UP TIME.

WE ARE COMMITTED TO CONTINUALLY IMPROVING THE SAFETY OF OUR CHILDREN. THROUGH OUR COLLECTIVE ACTIONS AROUND THIS MATTER, WE ENABLE POSITIVE LEARNING DEVELOPMENT FOR STUDENTS' AWARENESS OF THEIR SAFETY AND OTHERS IN THEIR COMMUNITY.

SOME TIPS TO ASSIST WITH IMPROVING ROAD USER SAFETY:

WE APPRECIATE CHILDREN BEING ON TIME TO SCHOOL BUT IF YOU ARE RUNNING LATE WITH YOUR CHILDREN, SAFETY IS STILL MORE IMPORTANT. YOU CAN SIMPLY TAKE THEM TO THE OFFICE TO SIGN IN.

PLEASE DO NOT COMPLETE U-TURNS, RATHER USE THE SIDE STREETS OR LOOP AROUND BOB CHARLES DRIVE TO GO THE OTHER WAY.

MIDDLE YEARS STUDENTS WITH SIBLINGS IN THE JUNIOR SCHOOL ARE ENCOURAGED TO USE THE SIDE ENTRANCES: SIMON OWEN AND MONTECITO PLACE. PLEASE ADHERE TO ROAD RULES IN THESE RESIDENTIAL ROADS.

IT IS AGAINST THE TRAFFIC LAWS TO PARK WITHIN 1 METRE OF A DRIVEWAY.

YOU ARE NOT PERMITTED TO PARK ON YELLOW NO-PARKING LINES.

NO DOUBLE PARKING IS PERMITTED.

NO VEHICLES ARE TO ENTER THE SCHOOL BUS BAY DURING PICK-UP AND DROP-OFF TIMES.

WE UNDERSTAND THAT IT IS MORE DIFFICULT WHEN THE WEATHER IS WET, HOWEVER PLEASE REMEMBER THAT ALL OTHER FAMILIES ARE ALSO BATTLING THE POOR WEATHER. CHILD SAFETY REMAINS THE HIGHEST PRIORITY AND SO ROAD RULES STILL MUST BE ADHERED TO. ENSURE YOUR CHILD EXITS YOUR VEHICLE ONTO THE PAVEMENT SIDE, NOT THE ROADSIDE.

ALL ADULTS AND CHILDREN SHOULD BE USING THE DESIGNATED PEDESTRIAN CROSSING TO CROSS THE ROAD SAFELY AT ALL TIMES.

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Elim Christian College

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SCHOOL LUNCH
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