



A FUTURE & A HOPE

GOLFLANDS CAMPUS JUNIOR YEARS

WELCOME BACK TO 2026

Kia ora Parents, Caregivers & Whānau,

We eagerly welcome all students, parents, and staff back to school! To those joining our Elim 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. 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/>.

Welcome to our new staff members: Mrs Tania Judge, Mrs Shirley Leong, Mrs Sue-Allen Slade-Adams, Miss Emily-Jane Schuurkamp, Mrs Edith Preiss, Mrs Lynda Frazerhurst, Miss Ellen Stewart and Mrs Saria Adil.

Our first Orientation morning for new students took place this morning, and what a privilege it was to have our new students and their families join us at Elim Christian College!

A few reminders:

- There will be **no Kindo lunch** orders on the 2nd of February.
- Please **label all school uniform items**, so it can be returned or found in the lost property.
- **Police Vetting** - this is extremely important as Year 4-6 students will go swimming and we need Parent Helpers. All Parent helpers need to have a current Police vetting at our school. Please contact the office if you need to do a Police vetting or to check if it is still current.
- If **Parents come on site during the day**, please make sure you **sign in at the office**, take a card and return the card on your way out. We encourage Parents not to go to their child's classrooms during the day as it can upset some of our students seeing their Parents outside of drop off or pick up times.
- **Parents and students wait at the gate until 8.15am** in the mornings before going up to the classrooms. In the afternoons **Parents wait at the front steps until the bell goes at 3pm** before going up to their child's classroom. **If Parents use other entrances, please refrain from going and waiting outside the classrooms until 3pm.**

Our staff are looking forward to seeing all our students and families return on the 2nd of February for the new school year.

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

TERM 1 UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday, 2 February:

First day of school for all students.

Friday, 6th February:

School closed - Waitangi day

Thursday, 12 February:

Welcome to our Learning Spaces Evening
6pm - 7.30pm

Thursday, 12 February:

Photolife Portrait Photos

Fridays, 13 February until 27 March:

Weekly swimming lessons for Year 4 - 6 Students

Thursday, 5 March:

Ministry Provided Teacher Development Day (Year 1 - 8)

(No Year 1-8 students at school this day)

Tuesday, 31 March - Thursday, 2 April

Year 5 Camp

Last day of Term 1

Thursday, 2 April



FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL

2nd February 2026 (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 11-15 / Years 5-6 are located alongside the blue library block.

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

Rooms 17 and 18 - are located in the Luke Brough building, please follow the signs by Room 10 to those classrooms.

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 2026

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 4 - 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, 2026's permission / information notice:

Starts: Friday, 13 February 2026 and Last Friday of swimming: 27 March 2026.

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

10.30am - Room 3 (Year 4)

11.00am - Room 2 (Year 4)

11.30am - Room 1 (Year 4)

12.30 pm - Room 14 (Year 5)

1.00pm - Room 12 (Year 6)

1.30pm - Room 15 (Year 5)

2.00pm - Room 13 (Year 5/6)

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 next week 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. Seven 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.



ENTRY AND EXIT TO OUR SCHOOL SITE

The side gates will be locked 5 minutes after the start of school. These are the gates at Simon Owen and Montecito roads. If families are running late, students should be dropped off at the front of the school and must sign in at reception.

TRAFFIC MOVEMENT AROUND OUR SCHOOL:

This is a courtesy note 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.

Some tips to assist with improving 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 late.

Please do not complete u-turns. Rather, use the side streets or loop around Bob Charles Drive to go the other way.

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 traffic is to enter the school bus bay during pick-up and drop-off times.

Double parking is not permitted.

We appreciate this 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 all road rules must be adhered to.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GRACE AND
KINDNESS IN SUPPORTING OUR
SCHOOL VALUES ON THE ROAD AND
IN THE CARPARKS.**

**THANK
YOU**



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Elim Christian College

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