



A FUTURE & A HOPE

GOLFLANDS CAMPUS MIDDLE YEARS

Kia ora Parents, Whānau and caregivers,

It's the end of Term 2 and what a wonderful term it has been. I can't believe everything that we have managed to fit into a 9 week term! A visit from ERO, our EPIC Inflatables day fundraiser run by our ARISE PTA, Y10 Co-Req Exams, Sports Camp, Sports Days, BC prefect assemblies and student led assemblies - so many things that have made this term a busy, but memorable one for us here at the Middle Years.

We start next term with our Student Led Conferences (SLCs) on Wednesday and Thursday. As per the notice that was sent out earlier this week, School will close at 12pm on Wednesday the 16th of July and Conferences will run from 12:30pm - 7pm. The following day school will continue as normal, and conferences will continue from 3:30pm till 5:00pm.

When you make your way to your chosen SLC time slot, make sure you head through our Middle Years Showcase in Moana 1, 2 and the Mahi Tahi block to see our students exceptional artwork and projects. You can also buy a barista quality coffee from our student cafe team!

Feel free to also see myself or Mr Julian Adamson on the evening if you have any questions about the Growth Plan for 2026.

We look forward to seeing you there.

A reminder that tomorrow is a Teachers Only Day. Our teaching staff will be attending the New Zealand Association of Christian Schools Conference in Orewa.

As we enter into the holidays, I hope that students are able to find rest and relaxation ahead of another busy term ahead. May you and your whānau enjoy this time together!
Be blessed,

Ngā mihi nui
Mr Michael McKenzie
Deputy Principal

TERM 2 UPCOMING EVENTS

NZACS Teacher Only Day

Friday 27th June
(School closed for students)

TERM 3 UPCOMING EVENTS

First Day of Term 3

Monday 14th July

Student Led Conference

Wednesday, 16 July from 12.30pm - 7pm
(school closes at 12pm for all students)

Thursday, 17 July from 3.30pm - 5pm
(normal school day)

Ministry Provided Teacher Development Day (Year 1 - 8)

Friday, 8 August
(School closed for Year 1 - 8)

WHAT'S GOING ON AT THE MIDDLE YEARS

Y7/8 Sports Camp

Every year we send students a group of students out on the Intermediates Sports Camp. This year we had 36 of our students venture down to compete in a variety of sports. Over the 5 days teams competed in everything from Touch Rugby and futsal to foosball and petanque!

The each school also choreographs and works on a Team Chant which they perform as part of the challenge.

Our Elim Squad managed to secure a decent amount of wins, placing 1st in girls futsal, 1st in pétanque, 2nd in Softball and in rock climbing!

Thank you to Mrs Borthwick for your organisation, and a huge thank you to Mr Gray, Mrs Kho, Mr Froud and Mrs Snook who went down with our students to help out. I would also like to thank all the other staff and our Y9/10 students who helped in sports trainings and chant practises to help our group of Year 7 and 8's do so well.

Great Mahi you sporting legends in the making!



WHAT'S GOING ON AT THE MIDDLE YEARS

Plenty of activities have been happening at the Middle Years in the last fortnight, its great to be able to showcase the extra activities that students are able to join in on at school.

We've recently had a Duke of Edinburgh tramp in the Kaimai Ranges. The 'DoE' programme is a great way for students to get out into God's creation while also learning skills in leadership and service. I'd definitely encourage more students to get involved.

School sport has also been bustling away. Recently we had our HPPA gymnastics tournament, as well as a ACS Netball day which saw over 170 Elim Students compete! How amazing is that!

Encourage your child to get involved in something we offer at school!



FEEDBACK FROM 2024 BULLYING PREVENTION AND RESPONSE REVIEW

Bullying Prevention and Response:

At Elim we aim to create a safe and inclusive school culture where all are valued and all feel they belong, with particular attention given to those who may be marginalised or vulnerable. Thank you to all parents who participated in our survey at the end of last year - this helped us review our bullying prevention and response approach alongside student and staff voice and look at what is working well and what might be improved.

Some of the key outcomes of the review were:

- We defined our approach to bullying as the “Accountability Approach”. This includes restorative practice as well as the facing of consequences of actions along with nurturing and growing a sense of responsibility. These together reflect a Biblical approach.
- A key finding that survey results, across all age groups surveyed from Year 5 up to Year 13, was that the main space bullying occurs in our community is “online outside school”. This finding highlighted to us the importance of partnering with families and educating and working together with students to build awareness around healthy communication and activity online in order to reduce bullying.
- A focus for us is to make the messaging around being inclusive more explicit and nurturing a culture of inclusion of the marginalised.
- Instilling in our students the courage to advocate: Most students are not bullying or being bullied, but many see it happen or know it happens. We aim to shift the idea of “snitching” to the idea of “having the courage to stand up for others”.

Our guiding verses have been:

And Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man. Luke 2:52

We aim to walk alongside students in this journey of growth and we know there are bumps along the way.

For you created me in my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well. Psalm 119:13-14 NIV We hold hope for each student and aim to see and celebrate their uniqueness also helping them to see each other that way.

Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves, for the rights of all who are destitute. Prov 31:8 Developing courage to speak up against injustice is hard for young people who are just wanting to belong, who may be driven by loyalty to their friends or fear of standing out- so nurturing the capacity to pay attention to the marginalised has its challenges. Chatting about empathy and making room for different perspectives may be a starting point.

APPLICATIONS FOR 2026 SCHOOL YEAR

Applications for the 2026 school year are currently open, with guaranteed processing closing on 31 July 2025.

If you have other children and haven't yet submitted applications, it is highly recommended to do so before this cut-off date to ensure their applications are processed.

Please contact enrolments@elim.school.nz for any queries.

STUDENTS ON SITE AFTER SCHOOL HOURS

We have a wonderful range of sports trainings happening after school on most days of the week.

If your child is involved in one of these trainings the coaches on site will be there to look after them for their training. Please note however, that siblings of children who are involved in afterschool activities are not to be left unattended on the school site. This is a major safety concern.

Any student who is not involved in afterschool activities should be picked up from the school by 3:30pm.

Thank you for your understanding.

Middle Years ²⁰²⁵ Showcase

View the exceptional artwork created by our Middle Years students.

16th and 17th July 2025

12:00pm - 6:00pm (Wednesday)

3:30pm - 5:00pm (Thursday)

Mahi Tahi, Moana 1 & Moana 2

The student-run Blessed Bean Cafe will be open

\$5 Coffee/Chocolate

Includes a complimentary savoury or sweet treat, Eftpos payment.



OWN
YOUR
JOURNEY

Be Recognised

The award will help your CV stand out.

Make a Difference

Volunteer in your community.

Step out & Explore

Discover new things about yourself.

Develop and Grow

Learn and master new life skills.

YOUR DUKE OF ED

Improve Wellbeing

Make friends, have fun, push your limits.

Physical • Skills • Service • Journey

Visit <https://dofehillary.org.nz/> or message Mr Taylor for more details.

ARISE PARENTS IN PRAYER

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Parents in Prayer

Tuesdays @

8:40am Botany cafeteria

2:30pm Golflands courtyard

Come join our team!

KINDO

NEXT ARISE PTA MEETING

Elim Christian College

Ordering your
SCHOOL LUNCH
is easy via **KINDO APP**

MON & FRI

SUBWAY

TUES,
WEDS & FRI

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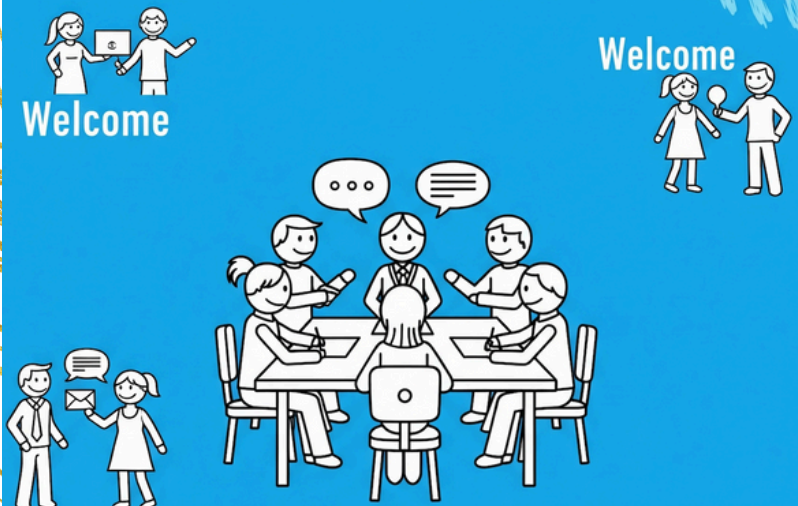
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MYKINDO APP
IS AVAILABLE FOR DOWNLOAD FOR BOTH ANDROID AND IPHONE

Welcome

Welcome



Wednesday 23rd July at 7pm

Staffroom

All Parents Welcome