Elim Christian College

A FUTURE & A HOPE

GOLFLANDS CAMPUS MIDDLE YEARS

Kia ora Parents, Whānau and caregivers,

It has been a great start to the term with lots going on. A huge welcome to our short term international students from China who will be with us until the end of Week 5. Thank you to everyone who is hosting a student as a homestay. If this is something that would interest you in the future, please do get in contact with our International Department.

Thank you to everyone who made it out to support our students in their Student Led Conferences last week. It was a fabulous time of reflection and celebration for out students. I hope you got a chance to go through the student showcase walkthrough to see the amazing work which has been done by our students.

It is with great pride that I announce that our Requisite results for our Year 10 cohort were once again outstanding. Across the three exams (Literacy Reading, Writing and Numeracy) we had a consistent pass rate of 92%! These are incredibly good results and a huge thank you must go out to all of our teachers who have been working hard to get our students up to this standard. A special thanks go to Mrs Anna Burgess and Mrs Angeline Chester-Hubert, our curriculum leaders for Phase 4.

With the winter chill upon us I would like to remind you that the girls uniform does include Black, opaque stockings which can be worn. Mr. Adamson has also made provision that on especially cold mornings students may wear a plain blue or black jumper as well as their full school uniform (not instead of the school jumper or jacket).

As we continue into the winter months, I pray health and peace over you and your families.

Ngā mihi nui Mr Michael McKenzie Deputy Principal

TERM 3 UPCOMING EVENTS

Tuesday 29 July

NCEA Information Evening
Current Y10 - Y12's encouraged to
attend if they have questions about
subjects and NCEA

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

Middle Years SLC Showcase

Here are a few snapshots of some of the amazing work that was on display in the Middle Years Showcase during the Student Led Conferences last week.

























WHAT'S GOING ON AT THE MIDDLE YEARS

Mihi Whakatau to Welcome Short Term International Students

On Wednesday we held a Mihi Whakatau to welcome our short term international students from China and Japan.

Our Golflands Campus Kapa Haka team have been practising waiata and karakia as part of their Tuesday practises and they brilliantly led the Middle Years Campus students in the proceedings.

A brave group of students from one of the Chinese schools also did an acapella performance as their part of the proceedings.

It was great to see our students welcome our new international friends into their friend groups. I left them with the reminder that this is a great opportunity for us to show our faith with our deeds, words and actions in the coming weeks.



PARENT FEEDBACK AROUND THE MIDDLE YEARS STUDENT LED CONFERENCES

Once again, thank you to everyone who prioritised attending a Student Lead Conference for your child last week.

We value your time and the opportunity to allow your child to be able to showcase, in their own way, what they have been learning during the year, and more importantly, their next steps on their learning journey.

I would love to hear feedback around how the event runs. <u>If you have time, please could you fill out this google form.</u>

https://forms.gle/JwLojUuwPEGHpXUz8

NCEA SUBJECT INFORMATION EVENING

Tuesday 29th July, 5:30pm - 7:30pm at the Botany Campus

This is a great opportunity for all Year 10 students to hear about the subjects on offer for Y11 and to gain a better understanding of how NCEA works. This will be a fantastic opportunity to meet with the heads of each department and discuss any questions you may have.

Any Year 9's who wish to go along to hear the information are more than welcome to, however the focus of these subject options will be for the NCEA levels, Year 11 - 13. More information about subject options for the Year 10's of 2026 will come out in the coming weeks.

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.

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.





2026 Teaching Opportunities at years 1-13

Teacher Interest Evening

Thursday 31 July 2025 7pm-8pm

Venue: Golflands Campus 94 Golflands Drive

We are seeking inspiring Christian teachers at every year level. Our school is growing - Come and meet the team and see the school for yourself



