



# A FUTURE & A HOPE

## GOLFLANDS CAMPUS MIDDLE YEARS

### WELCOME BACK TO 2024

Kia ora Parents, Caregivers & Whānau,

Welcome to the new school year! A warm and a special welcome to the many new families who are joining us. We hope you have had a good time with your whānau and have had some refreshment enjoying the summer in this beautiful country. May 2024 be blessed for you and your family.

*Hebrews 6.19 reminds us that we have this hope as an anchor for our souls, firm and secure.*

Learning will present many delights and challenges and the Middle Years lead team along with all teachers are here to partner with you, to lead, guide, and support your child in their learning.

This first newsletter has key information for the start of the year. This is in addition to the information provided in the Principal's update you will be receiving.

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/>.

A warm welcome to all our new teachers at Middle Years. We look forward to having them on our team.

Ngā mihi nui  
Mrs Mandy Heim  
Deputy Principal

#### TERM 1 UPCOMING EVENTS

##### Friday, 2nd February:

First day of school for All year 7's, and only new year 8's, new year 9's and new year 10's.

- Middle Years prefects will also attend on this day.
- Induction for all international students

##### Monday, 5th February :

School starts for all students

##### Tuesday, 6th February:

School closed - Waitangi day

##### Friday, 9th February:

Formal assembly, 8.40 am

##### Friday, 16th February:

Photolife Student Portrait Photos

##### Wednesday, 21st February:

Whānau evening /  
Meet the Teacher Evening  
6.30pm in the School Hall

# FIRST FEW DAYS OF SCHOOL

## Friday, 2nd February 2024

This is for **all year 7** students and **only new Y8, new Y9, and new Y10 students**

School begins at 8.40 am

There will be class lists displayed on the hall windows. Teachers and Middle Years prefects will be on hand to direct new students. They go to their tutor spaces at 8.40 am.

## Monday, 5th February 2024

All students start back on site. School begins at 8.40 am

Class lists will be displayed on the windows in the year-level areas. Whānau lead teachers will be out and about in their trademark high viz Pink vests to direct students. They go to their tutor spaces at 8.40 am.

## UNIFORM

All items of school uniform may be worn in summer or winter as appropriate to the weather conditions. **Please ensure that all items are clearly named.** Refer to the school website for requirements and further information than what's provided here:  
<https://www.elim.school.nz/uniform/>

Please note:

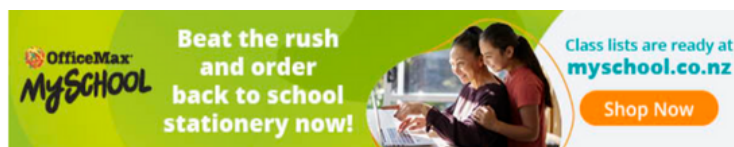
- Year 7-10 students must wear a regulation uniform sun hat in Terms 1 and 4, when outside. No hat -No play. Students will be required to stay under the shade of the veranda on days that they do not have a hat.
- Sandals may only be worn in Term 1 and Term 4. Shoes and socks may be worn all year round.
- 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.
- No outlandish hairstyles are permitted and no nail or hair extensions are permitted. No exceptions.
- Girls' skirts must be knee length- when seated the skirt is on the knee.
- Single small loops or plain studs can be worn in ear lobes only. Apart from a watch, no other jewelry is permitted.
- Appropriate Taonga may be worn, we acknowledge and celebrate the cultural significance of Taonga worn by students.
- No religious symbols need to be worn.
- Further information about uniforms can be found on our website.

# STUDENT HANDBOOK

Please read through the Student Handbook which contains lots of useful information for both parents and students about uniform, absence protocols, traffic, etc.

<https://sites.google.com/elim.school.nz/student-handbook/>

## STATIONERY



BACK TO SCHOOL STATIONERY 2024 - 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](https://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 with free delivery on orders over \$70^.

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.

\*Terms and Conditions apply, see [myschool.co.nz](https://myschool.co.nz) for details. ^Exclusions apply, see [myschool.co.nz/delivery](https://myschool.co.nz/delivery) for details.

Please note that parents and students have a two-week grace period to purchase the required stationery items. This is to accommodate subject options. **All stationery including digital devices MUST be named.**

## MOBILE DEVICES

- Mobile phones are not learning devices.
- Mobile phones must not be used during the school day.
- If parents need to be contacted students will need permission from a teacher to use the phone.
- Parents are requested to support the school with this expectation.
- All mobile phones must be switched off and either left in the school bag or handed in to the teacher for safekeeping for the day.
- More details about healthy mobile phone management at school will be explained to students on the first day.
- It is expected that students charge their devices at home each night ready for learning the next day.

# LUNCH ORDERS

There are several options for students to buy food for lunch during the week via the KINDO App, however, we also encourage students to bring a healthy packed lunch from home most days. Please ensure that only water is in drink bottles- we strongly discourage sugary and excessively sweet fruit drinks at school.

In the event, students do not have lunch or would prefer to purchase something please see the information below.

All lunch orders are done through **Kindo**. Please use the following link for instructions and orders. Orders must be put through before 8am on the day.

Kindo instructions - lunch orders

[https://drive.google.com/file/d/1expb3xUVUlr1\\_-pA5JP25i\\_4R3vTTxdY/view](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1expb3xUVUlr1_-pA5JP25i_4R3vTTxdY/view)

**Please note that all containers from our lunch providers must be taken home to be disposed of. The bins at school cannot accommodate this volume of rubbish.**

Please note that lunch orders will be available from the 5th February 2024

# SPORT AT MIDDLE YEARS

Within the first few weeks, all sporting codes will be advertised on the Schoology newsfeed. Students will be taught how to read the newsfeed, sign up for expressions of interest, and join groups. Please be patient with us as this process takes pace.

More about our clubs and codes will also be explained at our Meet the Teacher evening on the 21st of February.

I do look forward to seeing you all there.

A friendly reminder that any parent wanting to assist with sports or extracurricular coaching, managing or transportation must be known by the school and also have an up-to-date police vetting approval. Police vetting is required for all Parent Helpers. If you need more information about Police Vetting please email [golflands@elim.school.nz](mailto:golflands@elim.school.nz)



# 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 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.**

# KELLY CLUB - AFTER SCHOOL CARE

## We welcome:

Year 0 to 8 at Elim Christian College

## After-school options:

3:00pm – 4:30pm: \$16.50

3:00pm – 6:00pm: \$23

**DID YOU KNOW?  
CHILDCARE  
SUBSIDIES  
INCREASED  
IN 2023!**

[kellyclub.co.nz/subsidy](http://kellyclub.co.nz/subsidy)

## WHY CHOOSE KELLY CLUB?



### Supporting your school

We share our revenues with your school to benefit your learning community.



### Quality care you can trust

Our programmes are approved by the Ministry of Social Development and our nutritious, yummy food complies with the safety requirements of the Food Act 2014.



### Childcare subsidies

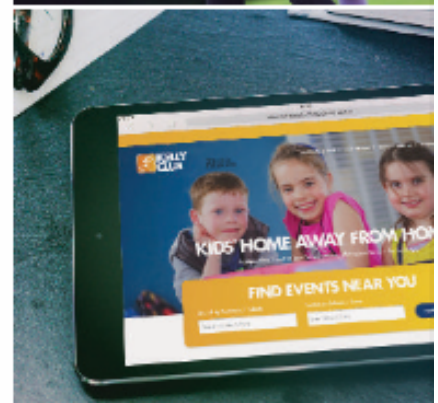
Eligible parents or caregivers can access WINZ subsidies to help cover the cost of our programmes.



### Flexible payment plans

Enjoy same-day booking and cancellation without penalty. We charge in arrears, so you only pay for the childcare you use.

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