



A FUTURE & A HOPE

GOLFLANDS CAMPUS MIDDLE YEARS

WELCOME BACK TO 2025

Kia ora Parents, Caregivers & Whānau,

Welcome to another exciting school year! I'd especially like to extend a warm welcome to all the new families who are joining us here at the Middle Years. As the holidays draw to an end, we hope that this has been a time of relaxation and refreshment and that you and your loved ones have been able to make some great NZ summer memories.

We pray that 2025 will be a blessed year for you and your family.

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 very special welcome to our new Principal, Julian Adamson, as well as Lauren Glass, Gemma Tong, Joelle Cherry and John Caetano who join our Middle Years Teaching team this year.

Ngā mihi nui
Mr Michael McKenzie
Deputy Principal

TERM 1 UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday, 3 February:

First day of school for all students.

Thursday, 6th February:

School closed - Waitangi day

Friday, 7th February

Ministry Provided Teacher
Development Day (Year 1 - 8)
Normal School Day for all students

Monday, 17th February

Welcome to Middle Years: Meet the
Teacher Evening. 6:30pm in the
Golflands Campus School Hall

Tuesday, 18th February:

Photolife Portrait Photos

Year 7 Camp

17th - 19th March

**Easter Assembly at Botany
Campus**

11 April at 8.40am



FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL

All students start back on site on Monday, 3rd February 2025. School begins at 8.40 am.

Class lists will be displayed on the windows in the year-level areas.

Teachers will be out and about in their trademark high viz Pink vests to direct students.

Students go to their tutor spaces at 8.40 am where Year Level Pastoral Leads will touch base with all students before starting some orientation rotation talks. Students will not have timetabled classes on the first day back, it is a day to get acquainted with their peers, their teachers and the new exciting year ahead.

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:

- 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.



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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.

SPORT AT THE 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 17th 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

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>





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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