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Dear Elim Christian College families,

My name is Julian Adamson and I am excited to introduce myself as the new school principal for Elim Christian College. I am honoured to have the opportunity to lead alongside a great staff at a school where students are challenged to ARISE to a future and a hope. I am enthusiastic about joining such a great community where we can champion our Christian faith, instill virtues, and empower our students to pursue their full potential.

I spent my high school years in east Auckland, attending Macleans College as a student. As a teacher I have taught Physics, Chemistry and Biblical Studies through to Level 3 NCEA. In 2010, I moved to Blenheim with my family to take up an Assistant Principal position at Marlborough Girls' College. More recently I moved to Richmond View School, which is an Elim school, to help expand the school as Deputy Principal overseeing the senior levels. This six year journey has taught me a lot about the leadership of a school and has given me a rich experience working with the primary levels of the school.

I have been married to my amazing wife Julie for twenty-two wonderful years. We were part of the original congregation of the River of Life church in Ben Lomond Crescent and still have many friends there. We have two teenage sons - Kieran, who is completing his final year of college this year and is looking forward to studying at University, and Owen, who is 14 and will be joining the middle school at ECC in year 10.

Great schools develop as a result of great relationships between school staff, students, parents, and community members, with the needs of the child at the centre. I believe that God has plans for every young person in our community and as a school we aim to work with families to help discover those plans, and then to prepare young people to walk in them. As parents, you are the first and the most influential educators of your children and we are pleased to partner with you to help raise young people who love God with all of their heart, as well as all of those around them.

As God explained to Abraham, we are blessed so that we in turn may be a blessing to others. (Genesis 12:1-3)

I am very excited to begin this journey with you and I look forward to getting to know each and every one of our students and their families. At ECC we believe in regular and open communication and I encourage you to play an active role in your child's learning. You can expect regular updates from the school and teachers about your child's progress, school events and celebrations through email, Schoology updates and newsletters. I look forward to seeing lots of parents at the various events in our school calendar this year. If you would like to reach me the best way is via email at [principal@elim.school.nz](mailto:principal@elim.school.nz).

Thank you for the opportunity to serve you and your children as the new principal of Elim Christian College. Please do not hesitate to reach out to me if you have any questions, concerns, or ideas you would like to share. I am looking forward to an amazing school year serving and leading at Elim Christian College.

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**Mr Julian Adamson**

**Principal**