

---

31 January, 2023



# Mount Albert Campus Newsletter

Welcome to 2023



---

## IMPORTANT DATES

### Start dates for students:

- Y1-10 Tuesday 7th

February 8.40am start

- Y11-13 Wednesday 8th

February 8.40am start

### **NB: Option Confirmation for**

**Y11-13 is on Tuesday 7th**

**February in the ballroom.**

**Y13 10.00am - 11.15am**

**Y12 11.15am - 12.50pm**

**Y11 1.40pm - 3.10pm**

Nau mai, haere mai, Elim Whānau

I hope you have all had a refreshing and happy holiday. This has been an unusual start to the year with unpredictable and extreme weather. Our thoughts are with those families who have been impacted by this.

In the image above you will see the beautiful Caughey family homestead, Rahiri House. The word 'Rahiri' means warm welcome and we extend this to all of our returning families and new families joining us in 2023. We are looking forward to getting to know you over the course of the year.

We would also like to welcome the following new staff members to our Mt Albert team:

Mrs Kirsty Sim Learning Assistant, Junior Years.

Mrs Lauren Dixon Year 2

Miss Hannah Fale Year 5

Miss Madeleine Chester Year 7 and 8

Mr Joseph Zoutenbier Secondary Maths

Mr Thomas Kurian Secondary Science

Mrs Melissa Sullivan also returns to work full time at Mt Albert Campus, in Art.

Congratulations to Mrs Ella Oxford née Voykovich who got married in the holidays.

Please see the important information on the start of the year and key dates for Term 1 at Mt Albert Campus. Have an enjoyable long weekend and finish to the summer break.

Nga mihi nui,  
Tania Calvert  
Deputy Principal

---

# Start of School Information

## Class allocations

At the start of the year, students find out about their new classes and teachers when they arrive on the first day. The class lists are displayed on the glass windows of the junior rooms. All students Year 1-10 will assemble on the top field at 8:40 am for a short welcome assembly before being taken to their class by the teacher. You are welcome to come to school with your child and stay for the assembly. If the weather is not conducive, students will go straight to class.

## Communication

We encourage you to read all emails sent from the school as this is our primary communication with families. All formal communications will be emailed to you and then loaded onto the school website. You will also receive messages through Seesaw Y1-6 and Schoology Y7-13 for classroom and team reminders. Log-in details to come. Please ensure you are getting school emails and notifications from the apps. Our fortnightly newsletter celebrates the exciting events and activities happening at the Mt Albert Campus. It will also have reminders about upcoming important dates. All school events will also be in the Schoolwide Google Calendar.

## Police Vetting

The school operates on MOE best practice. All volunteers are required to hold a current police clearance. If you are unsure of your current police vetting status, please check with the school office as it expires after 3 years. You will need to complete a form at the office and bring 2 forms of photographic ID. There is a small cost of \$10 to complete this process to be paid by eftpos at the office. This can take several weeks to complete so we advise you to do this in advance so you are able to come on school trips/camps with your child/ren.

## School Stationery

**For Y 1 - 8** students, please purchase your child's stationery from Office Max before the first day. Details are on the school website. All stationery should already be named and labeled appropriately.

**Y 9 - 10** option subject stationery will need to be purchased once students have received their timetables. However, stationery for their core subjects, English, Maths, Science, Social Studies, Christian Living and PE can be purchased now.

**Y 11 - 13** students will need to purchase stationery after their subject options have been confirmed on Friday the 3rd of February.

## School uniform

We have high expectations of our students and how they wear their school uniform to school, at school and on their way home. Our student handbook is available on our website and explains what the expectations are for the different year levels. Please ensure that your child/ren has the correct uniform, including black polishable dress shoes. For Year 1-6 students Elim blue bucket hats are required and for Year 7-13 students Elim black caps are strongly encouraged in terms 1 and 4. These must be the Elim school uniform, not generic hats. <https://sites.google.com/elim.school.nz/student-handbook/>

## Swimming in Term 1

We are very fortunate to have a swimming pool at our school. Water safety lessons in the school pool are given by the Year 4 - 8 classroom teachers in terms 1 and 4. This year, before the school term started, teachers took part in professional learning about water skills for life, overall water safety and awareness. This was a brilliant session that also had a practical component to put the learning into action.

Class swimming times will be communicated by your child/rens team soon.





## Drop off and pick up of children

### Morning drop-off routine/parking

It is expected that students will arrive between 8.15 am and 8.40 am. Students enter through the front two pedestrian gates on McLean St. The upper gate is for Year 0-6 students and the lower one is for Year 7-13 students. Parents need to remain in their cars when dropping off their children in the carpark. No parking, please. Parents of younger students, if you would like to walk your child to their classroom, please park outside of the school and walk in with your child.

### Afternoon pick-up routine/parking

We have a staggered finish with Y1-6 students finishing at 2:50 pm.

Junior families come between 2:50 and 3:10 pm.

The Y7-13 finish school at 3.10 pm. Middle and senior families come after 3:10 pm to allow juniors to leave first.

**Cars entering the gate are not to be left unattended in the morning and from 2.45 pm until 3.30 pm.**

Parents are to collect their children promptly and move on. If you want to talk to staff or other parents, please park outside of the school gates and walk in. Children are discouraged from crossing McLean Street on their own during peak times.

### Front gate

We ask that you continue to use McLean Street as a one-way street coming down from Allendale Rd to New North Road. Drivers are requested to turn into the school gate, go around the traffic island and then exit the gate, turning left only. This will assist greatly in relieving the congestion.



**Students should arrive at school from 8:15 am onwards and be picked up promptly at 2:50 pm for Years 1-6 and 3:10 pm for Years 7-13. Students should not arrive before 8:15 am in the morning or be picked up later than 3:30 pm. This is a matter of health and safety.**

### After School Care 2023

An outside provider, Carpe Diem Kids will be running an after-school program onsite this year. You will be emailed directly about this.

## ELIM CHRISTIAN COLLEGE MT ALBERT

### ARISE Prayer Group

Do you have a heart for prayer?

We are excited to announce that we are restarting our ARISE Prayer Group.

Our ARISE Parents Prayer Group will be open to all parents, caregivers and grandparents of the school wanting to pray.

The purpose of this group is to cover our school, staff, students and families in prayer and continue to stand in the gap uplifting our school before God.

Every Friday 8:40 am - 9:00 am in the staff room.

Starts Friday 17th February

# Save the date

Here is an overview of the Term 1 events at Elim Christian College, Mt Albert.  
Please make sure you read and sign all permissions to allow your child/ren to attend these events and indicate your availability to help.  
Please continue to check the parent calendar for upcoming events and refer to the website to check for emailed communications.



Thursday 16th February  
[NCEA Information Evening](#)

Friday 17th February  
[Photolife school photos](#)  
(Catch-up day Friday 24th February)

Monday 20th - Friday 24th February  
[TRAVELWISE Week](#)

Friday 17th February  
[Year 11 to 13 Swimming Sports combined with Botany Campus](#)  
[Selected students only](#)

Monday 6th March  
[Staff Only Day no students at school](#)

Friday 10th March  
[Mufti Day](#)

Tuesday 14th - Friday 17th March  
[Year 7 and 8 Camp](#)

Monday 20th - Friday 24th March  
[Mt Albert Campus Cultural Week](#)

Thursday 23rd March  
[Cultural Day](#)

Thursday 23rd March  
5:00 pm - 7:30 pm  
[Cultural Concert, picnic dinner and Whānau Night \(meet the teachers\)](#)  
[Friday 24th March save day](#)

Wednesday 29th March  
3:30 pm - 7:30 pm [Year 9-13 Parent-teacher-student conferences face to face](#)  
Thursday 30th March  
2:00 pm - 6:00 pm [Year 9-13 Parent-teacher-student conferences online](#)  
[Year 9-13 students finish school at 12:50 pm on this day](#)

Monday 3rd - Thursday 6th April  
[Dental Planet at school Year 9-13 details to come](#)

Term 1 finishes at 2:50 pm Thursday 6th April