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Good evening parents and caregivers,

Welcome back – 2026 School Year

What an amazing start we have had to this year. I would like to thank all of you for your work in preparing your children for the start of the year. I know that uniforms and lunchboxes and stationery are a big job, and we appreciate all of your effort in helping your child to have a great start.

In proverbs we read “Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight”. I have been challenged again this year to consider what aspects of my life I hold back from God. God is not like a financial investment where we diversify and put some of our money in one area and another part of our money in a different investment. With God, He wants all of our heart, all of our trust and all of our worship. As we begin 2026, as a school we want you to know that we are all-in for God, we won't be holding anything back from Him. I encourage you to ask God to show you any area that you are yet to share and to give you the confidence, faith and trust to be able to let Him take the lead in every aspect of our walk with him. He is always faithful, always loving and He will never let us down!

Updates - Buildings, growth and grass

There has been a large amount of work completed on our campuses over the summer to make sure that each is in top condition for the return of our students. I would like to thank the proprietors, the property team, our caretaker and the contractors involved for all of their hard work. Some particular highlights include the new spaces in the Luke Brough building, new carpets and paint in multiple classrooms on both campuses and the creation of grassed areas (yes, it is astroturf, but the students tell me it still counts!) at the Botany campus. It is so heartening to see our students already enjoying these improvements to our facilities.



If you haven't had the opportunity to have a look around at these changes, I warmly welcome you to have a look over the next couple of weeks.

New parents welcome evening invitation

As has now become a tradition, the proprietors start our year with a formal welcome for parents/caregivers of children who are new to our school in 2026. All of our new parents will have received an invitation to this event on February 21st, we look forward to seeing you all there. Please make sure you have booked childcare for the evening, as this is an adult-only event with light refreshments provided in our Botany campus auditorium.

Communication - how we partner with you as parent/caregivers

It was exciting to have so many new families join us for our welcome powhiri for new students and their families at the end of January. This year there are over 200 new students joining the school across all of the year levels, from new entrants to year 13. At this event, I spoke about the partnership that is so essential to how we support you as the primary educators of your children. There are four main ways that we will regularly communicate with you. Careful consideration is given to getting just the right information that you need, at just the right time. Please keep an eye out for these over the year - we thank you for taking the time to engage with them so that you know everything that is going on at the school:

- 1) Our Website - We keep this up-to-date with our latest information, and this is a great place to find out how things work at Elim Christian College. You can register absences through the website if your child is going to be away.
- 2) Regular campus newsletters - these will come to your email inbox once a fortnight and are tailored for Junior, Middle or Senior student groups as appropriate.
- 3) Principal's Update, such as this one you are reading now - These are only once or twice a term and contain important information for the entire parent community and on behalf of the board.
- 4) Schoology or Seesaw messages - these are highly targeted at only those who need to read them. They usually are about events, assessments or trips and contain the details that you need to support your son or daughter to be organised and in the right place at the right time.

Thank you for your support with this,



Mr Julian Adamson
Principal