



8/12/2025

Greetings Parents and Caregivers,

Final Principal's Update for 2025

As we enter our last week of the school year and a well-earned holiday for our students and teachers, I have been reflecting on how we live when we are out of our normal routines. Christmas is a busy time of year, with friends and families spending extra time together, and there can be a rush of activity to host visitors, plan meals and celebrations. Sometimes it can be easy to forget to spend time in God's word and to keep up meeting at church and with our Christian communities. In Luke, there is a short story about Joseph and Mary taking baby Jesus to the temple in order to meet the requirements of the Old Testament law. Their dedication got me thinking. They must have been tired (40 days after the birth of their firstborn) and I bet that a trip to the temple to make a sacrifice (*"Have you got the doves? I thought you were getting the doves!"*) and to offer prayers to dedicate their son might have seemed like a daunting prospect. Yet they made the faithful decision to do so because they knew it was the right thing to do. Let us not forget, in the busyness of the season, that Jesus is the most important relationship in our lives and that spending time with Him, sharing the joys and hope and celebrations, is the faith-filled way to live. I encourage you to take time this year to regularly spend time with Jesus and in His word, so that this holiday might be a time of continued growth and blessing. Any time spent with Jesus is time well spent!

Prizegivings

Congratulations to our prizewinners in the various awards ceremonies this term. It has been so good to see so many talented students recognised for the effort they have put in across the year. I would also like to congratulate all the parents who have transported, encouraged, organised, reassured and otherwise supported their children this year. Well done to you all! We have one more big prizegiving for our middle years on December 10th at 6:30pm at Golflands Campus. I look forward to seeing many of you there.

Growth Project Updates

You may have noticed a number of property projects getting underway across our two campuses. These will be ongoing over the holiday period with builders, gardeners and other contractors all busy to help us prepare the school for the changes at the start of 2026. I expect that there will be several surprised students when they return next year. We have also appointed 13 new teachers to support this growth, all of whom are amazing in their quality and desire to bring excellent Christian education to our school. God has been very generous in His provision for us and we are very grateful.

Sport opportunities in 2026

One of the big advantages that our growth brings is many opportunities for our students in sports. We are seeing a big growth in participation and in the number of our teams competing at the highest levels of their code. This year our 1st 5 boys' Basketball team was second in the country and we have high hopes for several of our teams next year. Like all top sporting schools, we are always looking for more coaches and managers, drivers and supporters for our teams. We rely on the goodwill of our community in order for us to maintain so many teams across so many codes. Please take a look at the flyer that accompanies this update and let us know if you are able to help at any level, in any code, by emailing sport@elim.school.nz. Some teams may not run next year if we are not able to get coaches or managers to support them.

After School Care in 2026

You will have seen that the current after-school care provided by the SKIDS programme will not be available in 2026. I know that this will be disappointing and frustrating for those who rely on it. If you have any questions about this, please contact the SKIDS team directly. As a school, we are not funded to supply after-school care and we do not currently have the facilities available to do so, with all of our classroom and gym spaces being used by our students and sports teams. I would encourage those families who need such support to begin investigating other options for 2026. I have been made aware this week that Kids Club Howick may have some capacity. Parents can contact them directly on kcckidsclub123@gmail.com

Final thoughts for 2025

Finally, I would like to personally thank you all for the fantastic support and care that you have shown to my family and me in this first year as Principal. I have been so encouraged by the prayers, notes and emails that I have received and by the many parents who warmly greet me when they see me around the school. Elim Christian College is a fantastic place to work and I look forward eagerly to leading the school in 2026. To our graduating students for this year, we have been honoured to be part of your journey and we look forward to seeing you walk in the plans of God. We pray that God will bless you and keep you all the days of your life.

I pray you have a blessed holiday season, full of the joy and hope that Christmas brings. Stay safe, rest, enjoy time with family and friends, but most importantly with our loving Lord Jesus, who is the reason for the season!

God Bless and Merry Christmas,



Mr Julian Adamson
Principal

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Year 9 -13 Programmes

Term 1

Preseason and Trials

Basketball
Netball
Football
Badminton
Hockey
Table Tennis

Competition Season

Athletics
Swimming
Orienteering
Senior (11-13) 3x3 Basketball
Senior (11-13) Volleyball
Senior (11-13) Touch Rugby
Senior (11-13) Futsal

Summer Tournament Week – 23–27 March
codes/teams to be determined

Term 2

Competition Season

Basketball
Netball
Football
Badminton
Hockey
Rugby
Table Tennis

School and Regional Cross Country

Term 3

Competition Season Continues

Basketball
Netball
Football
Hockey

Table Tennis
Badminton

Winter Tournament Week – 31 August – 4th Sep

Football
Netball
Basketball

Term 4

Year 9 and 10 Sports

Volleyball
Futsal
Touch Rugby
3x3 Basketball

Preseason training for 2027 Senior Volleyball
begins at the end of term 4

We also offer opportunities in the following codes

Rugby
Cricket
Orienteering
Athletics
Swimming
Skateboarding
Snow Sports
Gym Sports
Mountain Biking
Climbing
Track and Road Cycling
Distance Running
Auckland Christian School tournament
Hamilton/Kingsway Sports Exchange
and others...

We are looking for Coaches, Managers, Referees, Umpires and Transporters

All of our sporting codes rely on the support of coaches and mentors from the community. Some teams may not run without parental support. If you are interested in being part of our programme please contact sports@elim.school.nz.
All volunteers must have a current police vet check

We love volunteers in all codes and at all levels!

