



08 June 2026

Kia ora parents and caregivers,

Y8 Tiritiri Matangi Trip

We are excited to let you know about our upcoming Year 8 Social Studies and Science trip to **Tiritiri Matangi Island** in the Hauraki Gulf.

This trip will be completed in two groups, with students attending on one of the following dates:

Trip A: Friday, 7th August 2026

Trip B: Friday, 14th August 2026

Students will travel by **bus from our Golflands Campus to Britomart**, before catching the **ferry from Auckland CBD to Tiritiri Matangi Island**. We will return the same way.

Students will need to arrive at school by **7:00am**. The bus will depart from Golflands Campus at **7:20am sharp** so that we can arrive in the city in time for our **9:00am ferry departure**. Students should **arrive back** to Golflands Campus at **approximately 5:00pm**, depending on traffic.

Tiritiri Matangi is a highly regarded wildlife sanctuary and is home to many native birds, plants, and conservation projects. This trip will give students the opportunity to connect their Social Studies and Science learning with a real-world environment, as they explore ideas around conservation, sustainability, native species, and the importance of protecting Aotearoa New Zealand's natural taonga.

You are welcome to find out more about the island here: [Tiritiri Matangi Island website](#).

This is an **optional opt-in curricular event**. By completing the permission form, you are giving permission for your child to attend this event, which is a one-day trip taking place partly outside of normal school hours. **This trip will incur a cost of \$55**, which will be added to your parent KAMAR portal. This fee will need to be paid by **Friday, 31st July 2026**, if your child will be attending this trip.

Please note: The sign-up deadline for this trip will be **Wednesday, 01 July 2026**.

If you do not wish for your child to attend, please email nadine.seymour@elim.school.nz by **Wednesday, 01 July 2026**.

Students will need to bring:

Students are expected to wear their **Elim PE uniform** with **suitable sneakers or walking shoes**. Please note that **Crocs, slides, sandals, or inappropriate footwear are not permitted**, as students will be walking around the island.



Student will also need to bring:

- A packed lunch with enough food to last until approximately **5:00pm**
- At least 1 litre of water, preferably more
- A rain jacket or warm layer, depending on the weather
- A small backpack to carry their belongings
- Any personal medication they may need during the day

Please complete the Google Form below to confirm your child's participation:

[Parent Permission Form](#)

We would also love to hear from any parents or caregivers who may be interested in volunteering to accompany us on the trip. Please note that all parent volunteers will need to be pre-approved and police vetted before attending. Please email nadine.seymour@elim.school.nz if you are interested.

Many thanks / Ngā mihi,

Mrs Nadine Seymour

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