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Principal's Update 19 June 2023

Kia Ora Elim Christian College Community

It has been a privilege for the past 5 years to run our very special Mt Albert Campus (MAC). On such an historic site with now 45 years dedicated to Christian Education (first Hebron and then Elim) - we are now on the cusp of a groundbreaking new era.

Following the strategic work our proprietors have done in championing our cause and working proactively with the Ministry of Education, our Mt Albert Campus will become its own school from 1 January 2024 under the Elim Christian College network banner and Elim Proprietor Trust Special Character.

The launching of this new school is not only an answer to prayer, but it is recognition of MOE's trust in us to deliver quality education with a Christian worldview. With its own Principal, Board and funding, yet still an Elim school with Elim Special Character, this is a stunning achievement.

We have no doubt that our Mt Albert school (Y1-13) will thrive and grow and continue to be an inspiration for Christian families and their children to discover the enormity of being fearfully and wonderfully, made with a certain hope and future.

With Mt Albert now being launched as its own school, an Establishment Board has been working together for some months now in set-up mode. The Board is made up of Proprietors, some of our current Board members and the MOE. The Board has recently completed probably its most important assignment and that is to advertise and appoint the Foundation Principal. Following a month-long rigorous process, we are excited to announce that Mrs Tania Calvert has been appointed and has accepted the role of Foundation Principal.

Tania is currently the DP leading MAC and has been an incredible leader for us over the past 7 years. Tania carries the heart of our vision and mission and has amply demonstrated her skills and passion to date. She is a strong faithful and faith-filled believer!

We are extremely confident that Elim Christian College Mt Albert will have the best possible start to a remarkable future.

Whilst Tania will step away to a large extent to fully prepare this new school, MAC will continue thriving as our campus through to year's end. We will keep our MAC community fully updated.

But wait - there is yet more.

Also on 1 January 2024, another brand new Elim school (Y1-8) will open in Henderson. Elim Christian College Henderson will be beautifully sited on the Laidlaw College site which is owned by Elim Christian Centre. This heralds the beginning of an amazing church and school community in which Christian families and their children from all over West Auckland will also discover the enormity of being fearfully and wonderfully, made with a certain hope and future.

Please encourage interested families to access our website to register their interest in Elim Christian College Henderson.

As I close, we do have the following Open Mornings for 2024 at each of our 3 campuses this week. Similar opportunities will shortly commence for Henderson.

Botany Campus: Wednesday 9:15-10:45am

Golflands Campus: Tuesday 9:15-10:45am

Mt Albert Campus: Thursday 9:15-10:45am

In summary - we commence the 2024 school year with 3 distinct Elim Christian College schools all functioning under the umbrella of Elim Education Network with one strong unifying special character:

1. **Elim Christian College Botany:** Y1-10 and Y11-13 on 2 campuses, maximum roll 1300: Principal: Murray Burton
2. **Elim Christian College Mt Albert:** Y1-13 maximum roll 470: Principal: Tania Calvert
3. **Elim Christian College: Henderson:** Y1-8 maximum roll 400: Principal: TBC

We deeply value your ongoing prayers for this demanding yet exciting season of change and transition.

Nga mihi nui

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