

24 July 2026

Dear Parents/Caregivers

ELIM CHRISTIAN COLLEGE YEAR 4-6 RUN4BIBLES AND 7-8 CROSS COUNTRY

On Tuesday, 28 July, we will be hosting our annual Elim Christian College Run4Bibles and Cross Country. **This is a compulsory event for all students.**

The **purpose of this event** is to raise money to provide Bibles for children in Africa as well as participate in our Health and Physical Education programme. This event is also a school-wide whānau competition, and each student who participates earns points towards the overall whānau competition on the day. Please encourage your child to participate as best as they are able to for this event; they can run or walk.

***Please note:** Year 7-8 students are not expected to participate in the RUN4BIBLES fundraiser. This is for Year 0-6 students.*

Venue: **Golflands Park, Corta Bella Place, Golflands**
(The course will start and finish at Golflands Park on Corta Bella Place)

Date: **Tuesday, 28 July (Save day, Thursday 30 July)**

Time: **9.00 am - 1.00 pm** - see detailed times below. *Please note these are subject to change.*

Uniform requirements:

- Students can either wear their **Elim P.E Uniform**, or dress in their **Whānau colours**.
- All students can come to school in the above clothing.
- Shoes **MUST** be worn.
- A warm jumper, rain jacket and drink bottle. All clothing must also be named.
- **Year 4-6** students must bring their school uniform to get changed into, for the afternoon.
- **Year 7-8** students are encouraged to bring their uniform with them in case their running clothes are too wet and muddy to remain in.
- Students need to bring a towel and plastic bag to store clothes and shoes in case of getting wet and muddy.
- **(Year 4-6 only) Sponsorship** – a reminder to finalise your sponsors for this run. Every \$7 buys one Bible.
[Register here.](#)

In the event of a postponement, an email will be sent and posted on Schoology before 7.15 am.

As this is a compulsory school day, if your child is unable to participate, please email their tutor/class teacher, or students must provide a signed note on the day. If your child will be absent on the day, please fill in the absence form as usual: https://www.elim.school.nz/absence_form/

HOW THE DAY WILL RUN

This year, everyone will be participating in the Cross Country, whether they choose to walk or run. It is expected that all students participate. This is a school-wide whānau competition, and each student who participates earns points towards the overall whānau competition on the day.

Races will be timed and recorded

Top runners from the races will be contacted to have the opportunity to compete in the SEZ (Y7-8) or HPPA (Y4-6) Cross Country Championships, held in Term 3. Please take note of the distances below for your age group.

- Year 4 Boys & Girls - 1.5km
- Year 5 Boys & Girls - 2km
- Year 6 Boys and Girls - 2km
- Year 7 Boys & Girls - 3km
- Year 8 Boys & Girls - 3km

COURSE DETAILS

The following race start times are approximate.

<i>Age Group</i>	<i>Distance</i>	<i>Race Start</i>
Year 4 Boys	1.5km	9:30 am
Year 4 Girls	1.5km	9:40 am
Year 5 Boys	2 km	10:00 am
Year 5 Girls	2km	10:10 am
Year 6 Boys	2km	10:30 am
Year 6 Girls	2km	10:40 am
Year 7 Boys	3 km	11:30 am
Year 7 Girls	3 km	11:45 am
Year 8 Boys	3 km	12:15 pm
Year 8 Girls	3 km	12:30 pm

We are very much looking forward to this event. Should you have any queries at all, please do not hesitate to email me.

Yours sincerely

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