

Friday 27th February 2026

Dear Parents / Caregivers

Sports Camp Trial Application Form 2026

We are looking to select a team of our top Year 7 and Year 8 sporting students to represent Elim at the Intermediate Sports Camp held at Totara Springs Christian Centre in Matamata. We are excited to offer this wonderful opportunity again this year.

Event: Intermediate Combined Schools Sports Camp
Venue: Totara Springs Christian Centre, Matamata
Dates: Monday 8th June - Friday 12th June 2026
Cost: This is not a compulsory camp and the cost of the trip will be **approximately between \$420-\$440 per student**. This will be dependent on student numbers and fundraising efforts. This cost includes accommodation, meals for the week, and transport. Please note for any Special Diet Catering there will be an additional charge of \$64.00 for your child.

Please Note: *The price of sports camp has increased per student in 2026 due to the camp increasing their prices.* Previously, the total cost has included a personalized Sports Camp Hoodie. To help with costs this year students will instead wear our new Elim Sports Hoodie. If you do not have one - there will be an additional \$70 charge for the hoodie. This can also be used at all future sporting events.

TRIALS DATES: **Wednesday 11th March: GC Turf 3:00 - 5:30 pm**
Wednesday 18th March: GC Turf 3:00 - 5:30 pm
Thursday 19th March: GC Hall 1:10 - 2:00 pm.

We kindly request that all students attend all scheduled trials in order to be considered for the team. If, for any reason, your child is unable to attend but still wishes to be considered, please ensure that you email Mrs. Borthwick prior to the trials. We ask that students participate in at least 2 out of the 3 trial sessions. The key trial for students to attend are the after-school trials on Wednesday 11th and 18th March.

The selection process for Sports Camp is **very** rigorous, with limited spaces for students. There are several qualities and skills we look for, based on both sporting ability and attitude. These include:

- Experience, knowledge and understanding of a wide variety of sports
- A **high** competency level in sports and fundamental skills such as passing, catching, kicking, shooting and throwing.
- A team player, someone whose primary concern is the success of the team
- A high level of fitness
- Good at managing self; someone who will be on time, be prepared with all the correct gear and can manage their emotions on and off the field
- Excellent Sportsmanship
- Portrays Elim Christian College Character: Kindness, Respect, Diligence and Courage

In completing the online trial application form, you give permission for your child to trial. You also understand the nature of the trials and recognise that not all who trial will be selected. The selection process is up to the discretion of those in charge of running the trials; who will select students they believe to best embody the sport skills and attitudes mentioned above.

In trialling for the team, if selected, students must be available to attend the week-long camp and will need to be able to pay the full trip fees of approximately \$500.00. Students must be committed to attending all training sessions leading up to Sports Camp. These will be within school hours.

Parents/Caregivers & Students: Please complete the online trial application form by Sunday 8th March 2026 by using the link below: [Sports Camp Trial Application Form 2026](#)

Should you have any queries, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Kim Borthwick

Sports Coordinator

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