



13th February 2026

Dear Parents / Caregivers

GCJY Year 5 Camp Permission Form – Willow Park - 31st March - 2nd April

Each year a camp is held for students in Year 5. We see this as an integral part of the school programme, as it provides different kinds of experiences that cannot be found in the classroom. This includes relationship and team building, pressing into God in a unique environment, and being challenged with activities they may never have done before. This camp is highly recommended and designed to grow friendships, courage, independence and life experiences.

We have always seen this Year 5 camp as an essential part of our special character programme at Elim Christian College. It challenges both physically and more importantly spiritually. Students will be spending some time talking about camp in class the first few weeks of this term, as well as completing a camp booklet so they can feel prepared for the experience.

There will be a further meeting for all parent helpers who are attending camp on **Thursday, 12th March at 6pm** in the GC staffroom. If there are any families who are able to lend a life jacket for students to use when kayaking and paddle boarding, it would be much appreciated, please contact your child's pastoral care teacher to let them know.

The details are as follows:

Dates: Tuesday 31st March - Thursday 2nd April 2026
Venue: Willow Park Christian Camp, Eastern Beach
Transport: Students to be dropped off and picked up from Willow Park
Time: Drop off 9am - 9:30am, Pick up 2pm
What to bring: A comprehensive gear list will be sent out later in Term 1
Cost: \$300.00

Payment in full is required before camp: this will be charged to your child's KAMAR account, to enable you to pay via the parent portal. (If you need assistance with logging in to the parent portal, please contact golflands@elim.school.nz).

We are required to advise the camp of the confirmed number of attendees, therefore payments are required to be made before **18th March 2026**. If you need to discuss this, please contact Mrs Brieta Groenewald in the strictest of confidence at brieta.groenewald@elim.school.nz.

Students who do not attend camp will be expected to attend school each day and work will be provided.

Parents/Caregivers:

Please complete the student permission form using the link provided by **Friday 20th February**. If you are interested in coming as a parent helper either for a day, or for the whole camp please complete the parent helper interest form below by **Friday 20th February** also. Please keep in mind you will need to have current Police Vetting through our school office to come to camp.

Please complete the online camp form by visiting:

[GCJY Year 5 Camp Student Permission Form](#)
[Year 5 Camp - Parent Helper interest form](#)

Thank you for your commitment to our programme, we are looking forward to our three fabulous days away.

Yours sincerely,

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Year 5 Team Leader