

Welcome to Year 9-13 at Elim Mt Albert Campus

Tuesday 7th February 2023

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

I hope that you have had a lovely Christmas and summer break with your families. It is a pleasure to welcome you to our Mt Albert Campus for 2023. We are looking forward to a good start to the year, with lots of activities and events planned for the students already.

It has been fantastic seeing our campus grow over the last few years and with that growth we have been able to hire more staff and offer the students a wider range of options. God is good. This year, it is wonderful to have Mrs Melissa Sullivan return full time, to join Mrs Shinae Ha in the Art Department. Mr Joe Zoutenbier, the husband of Merrin Zoutenbier, is joining our Maths Department and Mr Thomas Kurian, one of our Elim parents, will be joining the Science Department. We also have also appointed two deans who will be helping with the pastoral care of our Y9-13 students, Amanda Ray and Ellouise Richter.

The Year 9-13 students will be receiving their timetables today. Once the Year 9 and Year 10 students have received their timetables, they can purchase their options' stationary. Most of the Year 11-13 students will have confirmed their options today. However, I am also aware some will need some time to decide over the next day or two. I am available for careers conversations as needed.

Please note: Year 12 and Year 13 students finish early on Thursdays at 12.50pm.

Below I have included the contact details for your child/ren's tutor teachers, subject teachers and for our deans. Your first point of contact for day to day questions or concerns is your child/ren's tutor teacher.

PASTORAL CARE TEAM:

Year 9 -10 Dean	Ellouise Richter	Ellouise.Richter@elim.school.nz
Year 11-13 Dean	Amanda Ray	Amanda.Ray@elim.school.nz
Team Leader	Julie Nola	Julie.Nola@elim.school.nz

TUTOR TEACHERS:

M9Z	Joe Zoutenbier	Joe.Zoutenbier@elim.school.nz
M9R	Ellouise Richter	Ellouise.Richter@elim.school.nz
M10B	Thomas Blok	Thomas.Blok@elim.school.nz
M10S	Craig Scott	Craig.Scott@elim.school.nz
M11R	Jason Ridler	Jason.Ridler@elim.school.nz
M11S	Melissa Sullivan	Melissa.Sullivan@elim.school.nz
M12H	Shinae Ha	Shinae.Ha@elim.school.nz
M13R	Amanda Ray	Amanda.Ray@elim.school.nz

SUBJECT SPECIALISTS:

Humanities:

Nigel Cato	Geography	Nigel.Cato@elim.school.nz
Julie Nola	English/Drama	Julie.Nola@elim.school.nz
Ellouise Richter	English	Ellouise.Richter@elim.school.nz

Craig Scott	History/Social Studies/RS	Craig.Scott@elim.school.nz
<u>Maths and Sciences</u>		
Thomas Blok	Maths/Physics	Thomas.Blok@elim.school.nz
Thomas Kurian	Science	Thomas.Kurian@elim.school.nz
Amanda Ray	Science and Biology	Amanda.Ray@elim.school.nz
Jason Ridler	Calculus, Chem, Science, DT	Jason.Ridler@elim.school.nz
Kristelle Varney	Maths and Statistics	Kristelle.Varney@elim.school.nz
Joe Zoutenbier	Maths and PE	Joe.Zoutenbier@elim.school.nz
<u>Applied Subjects</u>		
Nate Collings	HOLA Music	Nate.Collings@elim.school.nz
Sam Mackenzie	Physical Education	Sam.Mackenzie@elim.school.nz
Peter McDonough	Hard Tech	Peter.McDonough@elim.school.nz
Amanda Abrahams	Food Tech/Soft Tech	Amanda.Abrahams@elim.school.nz
<u>Visual Art</u>		
Shinae Ha	Photography/Painting/Design	Shinae.Ha@elim.school.nz
Melissa Sullivan	Art Design/DVC/Art History	Melissa.Sullivan@elim.school.nz

LEARNING SUPPORT

SENCO	Christine Earl	Christine.Earl@elim.school.nz
Learning Assistant	Hannah Taylor	Hannah.Taylor@elim.school.nz

COUNSELLING TEAM

Sara Vahaakolo-Ngaika	Counsellor	Sara.Vahaakolo-Ngaika@elim.school.nz
Yvette Britten	Head of Counselling (BC)	Yvette.Britten@elim.school.nz

ONLINE LEARNING SYSTEM:

Our online learning system for Y7-13 is Schoology. Please keep an eye out for your parent login as it will be a key point of contact this year.

HOMEWORK:

Homework varies from subject to subject and, in the senior levels, can have waves of intensity before internal assessments are due in. All students should be doing at least half an hour of homework each night to help them manage their course loads, revise and prepare for their exams. If you would like information regarding a particular subject, please contact your child's subject teacher.

IMPORTANT DATES:

Tuesday 7th February	First day for Y0-10 students Senior Options Confirmation
Friday 17th February	Photolife Swimming Sports Y11-13 at Lloyd Elsmore Park (Opt in)
Tuesday 28th February	Gateway Students' Health and Safety Course
Wednesday 1st March	Gateway Students' Health and Safety Course Day 2
Monday 3rd March	Y11-13 Athletics Day with BC (Opt in)
Monday 6th March	Teacher Only Day
Thursday 9th March- 11th	Prefect Camp
Tuesday 16th March	NCEA Academic Info Evening 7pm
Monday 20th March - 24th	Cultural Week

Friday 24th March	Cultural Day and Whanau Night
Wednesday 29th March	Y9-13 Parent Teacher Student Conferences on site
Thursday 30th March	Y9-13 Parent Teacher Student Conferences online
Tuesday 4th April	Tauranga Jazz Festival
Thursday 6th April	Last day of term

UNIFORM:

We strongly encourage all Y9-13 students to wear an Elim cap at morning tea and lunchtimes. Please ensure your child has a black Elim school cap for school.

School uniform standards are clearly explained on the website and in the student handbook. This includes correct footwear and hair ties and jewellery. We expect students to be in the correct school uniform at all times. Please make sure your child is wearing black polishable dress shoes with a heel, as opposed to black leather street shoes. Hair must also be its natural colour. It cannot be dyed or streaked. If there is an exceptional circumstance and your child is missing a piece of uniform, please write a note for your child's tutor teacher who can organise a uniform pass for the day. We do understand that on the odd occasion things happen.

<https://sites.google.com/elim.school.nz/student-handbook/uniform/senior-years>

<https://sites.google.com/elim.school.nz/student-handbook/uniform/middle-years>

PHONES AND DEVICES:

Students will be signing their 2023 Student Device Agreements early this year. Please read through the agreement with your child, sign it and return it back to school. The Student Device Agreements are to go to your child's tutor teacher.

All students are to bring their devices fully charged to school each day.

Please do not text or call your child during school hours. If it is an emergency and you need to get in contact with your child, please call the school office. Your child should not be calling you directly to be picked up if they are unwell as we need to know where our students are at any point of time. If they are unwell, they need to let a teacher know, who will arrange for the admin team to call you.

PARENT HELP:

The school operates on the Ministry of Education's best practice. We have trips and activities planned for this year. These cannot go ahead if the adult to child ratio is not met. All volunteers are required to hold a current police clearance. If you are unsure of your current police vetting status, please check with our admin staff. If you are not police-vetted via our school as yet, please note that this takes a few weeks to process.

We are looking forward to another great year at our Mt Albert Campus and look forward to seeing you soon.

Yours sincerely,

Julie Nola

Assistant Campus Lead and Team Leader Secondary

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