



7th February, 2023

Year 7-8 Term 1 2023 Newsletter

Dear Parents/Caregivers/Whānau

Welcome to Elim Christian College Mt Albert Campus.

The teachers in Year 7 & 8 for 2023 are:

Mr Nigel Davis - Room 8 Pastoral care teacher and Team Leader

Miss Madeleine Chester - Room 7 Pastoral care teacher

Mr Victor Peach - Room 9 Pastoral care teacher and Sports coordinator

Mrs Jo Robertson - Release teacher Room 7

Mr Peter McDonough - Hard technology

Mrs Amanda Abrahams - Soft/Food technology

Mr Nate Collings - Music

Mrs Jo Sohn - Learning Assistant

Mrs Christine Earl SENCo

The first week will be an Orientation Week with opportunities for everyone to get to know each other. The Music and Technology programmes will also be up and running.

In Term One our inquiry topic is "Our Place, Our People, Aotearoa". This is integrated into a number of activities happening this term.

This term, our team foci are:

- Biblical Theme – God is Truth
- Elim Exploration – MAHI (WORK) - Social Science Focus "Our Place, Our People, Aotearoa"
- Literacy focus - Recount Writing
- Numeracy focus - Number Strand: addition, subtraction, multiplication and division.
- Kotahitanga Value: Manaakitanga We are respectful we show Manaakitanga.

Our Year 7 & 8 Camp is in Week 7 from Tuesday 14 - Friday 17 March. Details about this camp will also be emailed today. Please complete all forms and make the payment for camp promptly so your child is able to attend. There will also be a year 7 and 8 Sports Camp in Matamata in Term Three which will involve some students.

HOMEWORK: Students will receive a homework sheet every week. Homework is due on Fridays. We will check on memory verse and spelling weekly. Homework will include work that reinforces what is happening in the classroom, spelling, memory verse and reading. Maths homework will be via the Education Perfect software.

MEDICAL / CHANGE OF ADDRESS: Please send any changes in details i.e., medical information / address / phone numbers etc. to mtalbert@elim.school.nz

WASTE MANAGEMENT AND MINIMISATION: All students are required to take their morning-tea and lunch wrappers, uneaten food, etc. home with them. They cannot dispose of it at school. The recycling bins at Mt Albert Campus have little provision for landfill items and food scraps. We would still like to strongly encourage all our parents to pack lunches in reusable containers and to buy in bulk.

BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE: Carpe Diem Kids provides before-school care off-site and after-school care **on-site**. Students are dropped to school in the morning. Information about this service can be accessed via their website - <https://carpediemkids.co.nz/>

UNIFORM: During Term 1, students wear the summer uniform. Refer to the school website for requirements or the Elim uniform [Uniform requirements](#). Please ensure that all items are **clearly named**. Hats are strongly encouraged this term.

STUDENT HANDBOOK: This can be located on our website for easy reference: [Student Handbook](#)

PARENT HELP: The school operates on the Ministry of Education's best practice. We have class trips and activities planned for this year. These cannot go ahead if the adult: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.

COMMUNICATION: Please refer to our school website where you can check email communications and our school google calendar. If you are not receiving email notifications, please contact the Mt Albert office, mtalbert@elim.school.nz.

We have an open-door policy. Teachers are in staff devotions until 8:30 am. They are available in their classroom to answer questions and to chat about minor issues from 8:30 am – 8:40 am and again after school. Alternatively, if you would like the time to talk further, please make an appointment with the teacher. They will be more than happy to discuss the matter with you.

If you would like to get in contact with us, our email addresses are:

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We are looking forward to working in partnership with you this year.

Yours sincerely

The Year 7-8 Team, Mt Albert Campus

The New Zealand Curriculum:

* *Vision:* Our vision is for young people who will be confident, connected, actively involved, and lifelong learners.

* *Principles:* The New Zealand Curriculum principles embody beliefs about what is important in school curriculum - nationally and locally. They should underpin all school decision making.

* *Values:* Values are deeply held beliefs about what is important or desirable. They are expressed through the ways in which people think and act.