

Tuesday 20th January,

Kia ora Parents and Caregivers,

A very warm welcome back to the new year at Elim Christian College Mt Albert. We hope you have all had a fun and rejuvenating Christmas and New Year. For those of you that are new to Elim this year, we are looking forward to getting to know you as you begin your journey here.

<b>Principal</b>	Mrs Tania Calvert	<b>Administration team</b>	Mrs Norma van Rooyen Mrs Rachel McFedries
<b>Assistant Principal Y0-8</b>	Miss Jessica Kidd	<b>Assistant Principal Y9-13</b>	Mrs Julie Nola
<b>Literacy/Numeracy activator SENCo ESOL Counsellor Christian Living Māori kaiako Librarian</b>	Mrs Lynda Butler Mrs Joanna Emery Miss Jessica Kidd Mrs Nicola Clayton Mrs Jo Robertson Matua Dylan Hope Mrs Emma Abrahams	<b>Pastoral Lead Y9 &amp; 10 Pastoral Lead Y11 &amp; 12 Pastoral Lead Y13 and Careers / Gateway Principal's Nominee</b>	Mr Joseph Zoutenbier Mr Sam MacKenzie Mrs Amanda Ray Mr Nigel Cato
<b>Phase 1: Year 1 - 3</b>	Mrs Jane Young Mrs Rita Ah Kau (leader) Mrs Chloe Max Mrs Natalie Escobar <i>Mrs Kirsty Sim</i>	<b>Learning Area Humanities:</b>	Mr Nigel Cato Mrs Lovell Greybe Mrs Shinae Ha Mrs Indy Henman Mr Harry Kershaw Mrs Julie Nola Mrs Jacqui Reid Mr Guy Storrs Mr Joseph Zoutenbier
<b>Phase 2: Year 4 - 6</b>	Mr Minsoo Kim Mrs Jordana Ryu (leader) Mrs Lauren Dixon <i>Mrs Penny Tasi</i>	<b>Learning Area STEM</b>	Mr Thomas Blok Mr Albert Feng Mrs Amanda Ray Mr Jason Ridler Mr John Ryu Miss Saajidah Shabham
<b>Phase 3: Year 7 - 8</b>	Mr David Prickett Miss Hannah Fale Miss Madeleine Chester Mr Elijah Tay (leader)	<b>Teacher in Charge Music</b>	Miss Sarah Dunn Mrs Rachel Crellin (Y0-8)
<b>Hard tech/Innovation Food tech/Enterprise Classroom Release</b>	Mr Peter McDonough Mrs Amanda Abrahams Mrs Tracey Callender	<b>Teacher in Charge Physical Education and Sport</b>	Mr Sam MacKenzie
Please note the format for our staff email addresses <b>firstname.lastname@elimmtalbert.school.nz</b>			

2026	Term Dates 2026	Weeks
Term 1	Monday 2 Feb - Thursday 2 April	9
Term 2	Monday 20 April - Friday 3 July	11
Term 3	Monday 20 July - Friday 25 September	10
Term 4	Monday 12 October - Thursday 10 December	9

**NB: Subject Option Confirmation** for Year 11-13 is on Thursday 29th January from 12:00 noon - 3:00 pm **in the ballroom.**  
 Y11 12.00pm - 1.00pm                      Y12 1.00pm - 2.00pm                      Y13 2.00pm - 3.00pm

**2026 Start dates for all students:**

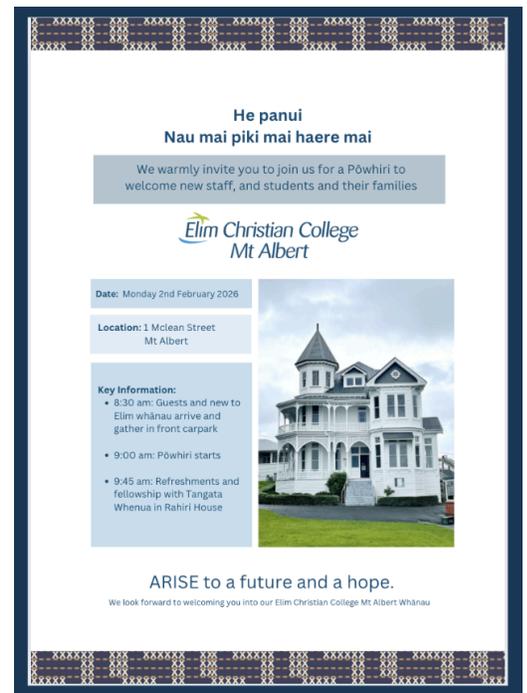
The start date for all students is Monday 2nd February at 8.40am.

**Class allocations**

At the start of the year, all students find out their new classes when they arrive on the first day. Year 1-6 classes are posted on the classroom windows of Room 1. Year 7-8 classes are posted on the intermediate doors. Year 9-13 classes are posted on the glass doors of the hall. When the bell rings at 8:30am, students will line up outside with their teacher. Year 0-6 are on the top field, Year 7-8 are by the intermediate block and Year 9-13 are outside the hall.

**Pōwhiri**

We will have a pōwhiri and official opening on Monday 2nd February. You are welcome to stay for the pōwhiri. New families, please assemble as manuhiri - visitors in the carpark. Existing families can assemble next to junior classes. Your child/ren will go directly to class at 8.30 am and be with a teacher for the ceremony. Your child will be sitting with their class for this time. The pōwhiri will start at 9 am.



**Morning drop off routine / parking**

It is expected that students will arrive between 8.10 am and 8.30 am. Students are to enter through the front two pedestrian gates on McLean St. The upper gate is for Year 0-6 students and the lower gate for Year 7-13 students. We also have a pedestrian gate on Allendale Road.

**Afternoon pick-up routine / parking**

We have a staggered finish with **Year 1-6 students finishing at 2.50 pm. The Year 7-13 students finish school at 3.10 pm.** We ask that junior students are collected promptly.

**After school care**

If you are needing childcare outside of these hours, then you will need to take advantage of our off-site after school care called [Kowhai Kids Club](#).

**Attendance**

There is a continued nationwide and school focus on improving student attendance rates. The only reason your child should not be at school is if they are sick. If your child is unwell and unable to attend school, please complete the absence form online before 8.30am. [https://elimmtalbert.school.nz/absence\\_form/](https://elimmtalbert.school.nz/absence_form/) For any other leave requests, please apply to the relevant **Assistant Principal in advance.**

**School uniform**

We have high expectations of our students and how they wear their school uniform to school, at school and on their way home. Please ensure that your child has the correct uniform. Please feel free to get in contact if you are unsure of the requirements.

**Stationery**

Stationery is supplied through Office Max. Please follow the link to OfficeMax [myschool.co.nz](https://myschool.co.nz) and search "Elim Christian College Mt Albert". Select the year level your child is in, check that you want everything on the list, then click and confirm. There is free delivery on orders over \$100.

School donations and other charges can also be paid online at [myschool.co.nz](https://myschool.co.nz). These will be charged when you place your order and will show as a separate transaction on your credit or debit card.

If you have any questions please contact [office@elimmtalbert.school.nz](mailto:office@elimmtalbert.school.nz).

**Mobile phones and smart watches**

Students are not permitted to use mobile phones or smart watches at school. Their phones should be securely stored in their locker, if they have one, or in their bag. The school accepts no responsibility for loss or damage of personal devices and other valuables.

**Devices**

Students from Year 4-8 are asked to bring a charged Chromebook to school every day. Year 9-13 are to bring a charged laptop or Chromebook to school every day.

**Staff Only Days**

School will be closed for the following staff only days.

Term 1: Monday 9 March

Term 3: TBC (no longer Friday 29th May)

We look forward to seeing you all again very soon.

Noho ora mai,



Tania Calvert  
Principal / Tumuaki