



Library Collection Procedure

At Elim Christian College Mount Albert, we have a Statement of Faith which guides our decisions for our school. We are committed to nurturing a learning environment that reflects and upholds the values and beliefs central to our faith. Our staff are united in their desire for children to develop into mature Christians and lifelong learners who can evaluate all things through a Biblical worldview.

Our school library is a place where students can access a wide range of materials, meeting their diverse reading abilities and interests. We hope to develop a lifelong love of reading for all students.

The selection and purchase of library materials is delegated to the librarian.

We have some guiding principles that support decisions about which resources and books will be selected as part of our library collection. Materials will:

- Be from a wide range of perspectives and topics.
- Be “age and stage” appropriate. This means that our junior library will contain a different selection to our senior library.
- Support a love of reading and the development of reading skills in our students.
- Encourage the development of their Christian faith.

We will encourage discernment in our students to select from books that are both age and stage appropriate and in line with their own family’s values and expectations. We understand that this will be different from family to family.

Parents are encouraged to review the books their children bring home. If a selected book does not align with your family’s personal values, your child may return it to the library on the next school day to choose an alternative.

To support appropriate selection, our collection is physically separated into distinct age zones. Junior students are guided by staff to select exclusively from designated Junior areas during their scheduled library visits.

Our senior library may include a broader range of age-appropriate resources to encourage students to engage thoughtfully with different perspectives, developing their ability to critically evaluate what they encounter through the lens of Scripture, the school’s Statement of Faith and Elim Christian Character.



When there is a concern

Please follow the steps below when there is a concern about material in the Library.

1. Complete the Library Material Concern Form below. This is available at the school office or as a downloadable PDF on the school website. This should be returned by email or in person to the school office.
2. The material will then be reviewed by the librarian. While it is reviewed it will be removed from circulation.
3. The librarian will then inform the Principal of the concern and her recommendations.
4. A written response will then be sent to the person who has filled in the form on the outcome of their concern. The decision of the Principal is final.

Library Material Concern Form

Title: _____

Author: _____

Name of person with concern: _____

Child's name (who took material out of library): _____

Email Address: _____

What are your concerns with the material?

Please be specific, cite pages or text.
