



Friday 26th January 2024,

Kia ora Parents and Caregivers,

We are excited to now be an independent school, Elim Christian College Mt Albert. We would like to extend a very warm welcome to our students and families. We hope you have all had a restful and enjoyable Christmas and New Year. For those of you that are new to Elim this year, we are looking forward to getting to know you over the course of the year.

The Elim Christian College Mt Albert Team

Principal	Tania Calvert	Deputy Principal	Marvin Anderson
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Year 1 - 3 Team leader	Miss Natalie Harbott Mrs Jane Young Mrs Rita Ah Kau Mrs SangAh Joo	Head of Learning Area Science/Maths/PE	Mr Charlie Ahn Mr Jason Ridler Mr Thomas Blok Mrs Amanda Ray Mrs Grace Zhang Mr John Ryu Mr Sam MacKenzie
Year 4 - 6 Team Leader	Miss Jessica Kidd Mrs Lauren Dixon Miss Hannah Fale	Head of Department Music	Mr Nate Collings Miss Sarah Dunn Year 1-6
Year 7 - 8 Team Leader	Mrs Yen Kim Miss Madeleine Chester Mrs Jo Robertson Mr Peter McDonough Mrs Amanda Abrahams		

Please note the new format for our staff email addresses **firstname.lastname@elimmtalbert.school.nz**

2024 Term dates

- Term 1: Friday 2 February – Friday 12 April
- Term 2: Monday 29 April – Friday 5 July
- Term 3: Monday 22 July – Friday 27 September
- Term 4: Monday 14 October – Friday 13 December

2024 Start dates for students:

- Y0 - 10 Friday 2nd February 8.40am start
- Y11 - 13 Monday 5th February 8.40am start

NB: Option Confirmation for Y11-13 is on Wednesday 31 January from 12:00 noon - 3:00 pm.

Powhiri

The car park will be closed on Monday 5th February for our pōwhiri and official opening. Parents will need to park and walk. If you are staying for the pōwhiri, please assemble as manuhiri visitors in the carpark. 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 8.15am and 8.30am. Students are to enter through the front two pedestrian gates on Mclean St. We have designated the upper gate for Year 0-6 students to enter through and lower gate for Year 7-13 students.

Afternoon pick-up routine / parking

We have a staggered finish with **Y1-6 students finishing at 2.50 pm. The Y7-13 students finish school at 3.10 pm.** We ask that junior students are collected promptly. Parents of senior students, please allow junior parents to pick up their children by not driving into the car park and waiting before 3.10pm.

Front gate

We are asking that you use McLean Street as a one way street coming down from Allendale Rd to New North Road. Drivers are requested to turn into the school gate, go around the traffic island and then exit the gate, turning left only. This will assist greatly in relieving the congestion.

Cars entering the gate are not to be left unattended between 2.45pm and 3.20pm.

Children are discouraged from crossing McLean Street on their own during the peak time.

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 Carpe Diem Kids. www.carpediemkids.co.nz

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 are posted on the class windows of Room 1. Year 7-13 classes are posted on the glass doors to the hall.

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/ren has/have the correct uniform, including black polishable dress shoes. Please feel free to get in contact if you are unsure of the requirements.

Stationery

With the first day of school fast approaching, the back to school shop can feel like even more of a challenge, that's why we've teamed up with OfficeMax to make your back to school shop super easy. Your child's class list is already loaded. Just jump on myschool.co.nz. Simply add your details, check that you want everything on the list, then click and confirm — and OfficeMax will get your delivery underway with free delivery on orders over \$70.

Laybuy* is also available, which enables you to pay in 6 weekly, interest-free payments and still get your order right away. So go ahead and beat the back to school rush, order today with OfficeMax and give them the best start possible. *Terms and Conditions apply, see myschool.co.nz for details. Exclusions apply, see myschool.co.nz/delivery for details.

Cell Phone in Schools

The new coalition government intends to implement a policy prohibiting students from using cell phones at school. Elim Christian College Mt Albert supports this initiative and already has a ban in place during school hours. Please support the College by reinforcing to your children that whilst they may take a cellphone to school, it must be put away during school hours, including break times.

Year 4-6 Devices

Students from Year 4-6 are encouraged to bring a charged Chromebook to school every day. Some students in Year 5 and Year 6 may still be using an ipad as they are phased out.

Mr Whippy - On Friday 9th February, as part of our start of school celebration, there will be an opportunity for students to purchase ice cream at lunch time. This will be staggered for different age groups. Students can pay with cash or by Eftpos.

Noho ora mai,



Tania Calvert
Principal / Tumuaki