

Year 7-8 Term 2 2025 Newsletter

Tuesday 29 April

Dear Parents/Caregivers/Whānau

Welcome to Term 2! We hope you all had a restful holiday break with family and friends.

The teachers in Year 7&8 are:

Room 6: Miss Hannah Fale

Room 7: Miss Madeleine Chester

Room 8: Mr Elijah Tay

Support staff includes:

Learning Assistant: Mrs Jo Sohn

Hard technology: Mr Peter McDonough

Multi Materials / Food technology: Mrs Amanda Abrahams

Music Specialist: Mrs Rachel Crellin/ Miss Sarah Dunn

DT Specialist: Mrs Tracey Callender

Art Specialist: Mrs Jacqui Reid

Sports Specialist: Matua Victor

Maori Specialist: Matua Dylan

SENCo and ESOL Teacher: Mrs Joanna Emery

Phase 3 Pastoral Lead: Miss Hannah Fale

Deputy Principal Y1-8: Miss Jessica Kidd

This term our Biblical theme is God has designed us for a purpose. In Integrated Inquiry, students will learn about Natural Disasters and understand our hope is in Jesus during difficult times.

This term, our team foci are:

Elim Exploration: Design

Enduring Understanding: God wants us to understand the purpose of the church and our place in it.

Key Question: How can I find out the purpose God has designed me for?

Literacy focus: Main idea and summarising, Narrative Writing

Numeracy focus: Geometry, Number Strand

Kotahitanga Value: Manaakitanga - Maia

HOMEWORK: Students will receive a homework sheet every week. Homework is due on Fridays. Homework will include work that reinforces what is happening in the classroom, including memory verse, reading, grammar/punctuation, social studies and mathematics.

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 office office@elimmtalbert.school.nz. School newsletters are emailed fortnightly on Tuesdays.

DEVICES/ LEARNING PLATFORMS: Students are required to bring a **fully charged** and **named** laptop/chrome book to school each day. Google Classroom is used to communicate within the classroom and share digital work. I pads are not suitable at this level.

BIRTHDAYS: We ask that you do not bring any food items to school to share with the class on your child's birthday. This includes lollies, chocolates, cupcakes, cake, etc. There may be students with allergies in the class and we want to encourage healthy eating choices.

UNIFORM: During Term 2, students wear the winter uniform. Refer to the school website for requirements or the Elim uniform handbook page for [uniform requirements](#). Please ensure that all items are **clearly named**.

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 with Elim Christian College Mount Albert.*** 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.

OPEN-DOOR POLICY: We have an open-door policy. Teachers are in staff devotions until 8:30 am. We are available in the classroom to answer questions and to chat about minor issues from 8:30 am - 8:40 am. Alternatively, if you would like the time to talk further, please make an appointment with the teacher. We 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 term.

Yours sincerely

The Year 7-8 Team

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