

Year 7-8 Term 2 2024 Newsletter

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Dear Parents/Caregivers/Whānau

A warm welcome from the Year 7-8 team at Elim Christian College Mount Albert. We hope that you have had a blessed, joyful autumn break with your family and friends.

This term our Biblical theme is **God wants us to celebrate life**. The students will understand that God is with us through the ups and the downs as we continue to uphold the Christian values and show Maia (Courage). In Christian Living, we will learn about the heroes of faith in the bible, including Jesus, Joshua, Daniel, Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego. In Integrated Inquiry, students will learn about the Olympic and Paralympic games.



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This term, our team foci are:

Elim Exploration: Diversity

Biblical Theme: God wants us to celebrate life.

Enduring Understanding: God wants us to celebrate life through our diverse backgrounds and ups and downs.

Key Question: How can I celebrate life and help others do the same?

Literacy focus: Narrative writing

Numeracy focus: Number Strand and Problem Solving

Kotahitanga Value: Maia - Courage

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 maths.

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

MEDICAL / CHANGE OF ADDRESS: Please send any changes in details, such as medical information, address or phone numbers to office@elimmtalbert.school.nz.

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 on Friday of even number weeks.

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 as the devices must have a keyboard attached.

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 our school 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.

AFTER SCHOOL CARE: Carpe Diem Kids provides after-school care off-site. Students are collected from school and taken to another school for after school care. More Information about this service can be accessed via their website - <https://carpediemkids.co.nz/>

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**.

BLANKET CONSENT: Education Outside The Classroom (EOTC) is the name given to all events / activities that occur outside the classroom, both on and off the school site. This blanket consent will be sought at the beginning of each year for every student Year 1-13. Fill out [the form](#) for each child in your family attending Elim Christian College Mt Albert if you have not completed it yet.

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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Yours sincerely

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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.