



Welcome to Year 9-10 at Elim Christian College Mt Albert

Thursday 5th February 2026

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome back to our third year as Elim Christian College, Mt Albert. We are looking forward to a good start to the year. My name is Joseph Zoutenbier, and I will be the Pastoral Care Lead (formerly Dean) for Y9 & 10. I look forward to connecting with your child throughout the year and helping to create a positive environment for them to flourish. In addition to this role, I am a passionate Social Science teacher and also support our Te Kura students. During Friday Pastoral Care times (formerly tutor times), Y9-13s will follow a comprehensive Career Plan.

Below are the contact details for the Pastoral Care teachers, who are your first points of contact with any general concerns or queries about your child. Higher-level concerns can be raised with the relevant Pastoral Care Lead.

PASTORAL CARE TEAM:

Year 9 -10 Pastoral Care Lead	Joseph Zoutenbier	joseph.zoutenbier@elimmtalbert.school.nz
Year 11-12 Pastoral Care Lead	Sam MacKenzie	sam.mackenzie@elimmtalbert.school.nz
Year 13 Pastoral Care Lead	Amanda Ray	amanda.ray@elimmtalbert.school.nz

YEAR 9-10 PASTORAL CARE TEACHERS

9H	Miss Indy Henman	indy.henman@elimmtalbert.school.nz
9S	Mr Guy Storrs	guy.storrs@elimmtalbert.school.nz
10B	Mr Thomas Blok	thomas.blok@elimmtalbert.school.nz
10K	Mr Harry Kershaw	harry.kershaw@elimmtalbert.school.nz

ONLINE LEARNING SYSTEM:

Our online learning system for Y9-13 is Google Classroom. Some subject content, student work and teachers' notices will be posted there.

HOMEWORK:

Homework varies from subject to subject and, in the senior levels, there can be waves of intensity before internal assessment deadlines. All students should be doing at least half an hour of homework each night to help them manage their course loads, revise and prepare for their exams. If you would like information regarding a particular subject, please contact your child's subject teacher. All teacher emails are firstname.lastname@elimmtalbert.school.nz.

IMPORTANT DATES:

Friday 6th February	Waitangi Day
Thursday 12th February	Gateway Students' Health and Safety Course Day 1
Friday 13th February	Gateway Students' Health and Safety Course Day 2
Tuesday 24th February	Expression of Interest Morning
Friday 20th February	Cultural Rehearsal Day
Friday 27th February	Y9-13 Athletics Day
Monday 2nd March	Photolife Class Photos & Student ID
Monday 9th March	Teacher Only Day - school closed
Wednesday 18th March	Cultural Fiesta
Tuesday 24th March	NCEA Academic Info Evening 7pm
Thursday 2nd April	Last day of term
Friday 3rd April	Good Friday
Sunday 5th April	Easter Sunday
Monday 20th April	First day of Term 2

UNIFORM:

School uniform standards are clearly explained on the website and in the student handbook. This includes correct footwear, hair ties and jewellery. We expect students to be in the correct school uniform at all times, and encourage students to wear the optional black Elim cap in Terms 1 and 4. Students' black dress shoes should be polished and have a heel. They should not be black leather street shoes. Hair must also be its natural colour. It cannot be dyed or streaked. If there is an exceptional circumstance and your child is missing a piece of uniform, please write a note for your child's Pastoral Care teacher, who can organise a uniform pass for the day. We do understand that on the odd occasion, things happen.

PHONES AND DEVICES:

Students will be signing their Student Device Agreements at school this week. You will also receive a digital version to sign. Please read through the agreement with your child. All students are to bring their devices fully charged to school each day.

Please do not text or call your child during school hours. If it is an emergency, please call the school office. Your child should not be calling you directly to be picked up if they are unwell, as we need to know where our students are at any point of time. If they are unwell, they need to let a teacher know, who will arrange for the admin team to call you.

EOTC BLANKET CONSENT FORM:

You will receive a link to this digital form. Your permission will enable your child to take part in local school events.

**LOCKERS:**

All Year 9 and 10 students will be provided with a locker. More information about this will be coming, including cost and expectations. If your child does not want a locker, please send an email to their Pastoral Care Teacher.

PARENT HELP:

The school operates on the Ministry of Education's best practice. We have trips, sports teams and activities planned for this year, and warmly welcome parent help to make these events possible. All volunteers are required to hold a current police clearance. 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 and will cost \$10. You will need to bring two forms of identification, including 1 photo Id.

We are looking forward to another great year at Elim Christian College, Mt Albert.

Yours sincerely,

Joseph Zoutenbier

Pastoral Care Lead Year 9-10

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