



INTERNATIONAL STUDENT HANDBOOK

Welcome

Nau mai, haere mai

Our Team

We are dedicated to making your experience at our school both enjoyable and successful. Several individuals will be available to assist you in settling in and maximising your time with us.

Whether you need guidance or just a friendly face to chat with, our team is here for you. We encourage you to reach out and make connections that will enrich your journey.



Andy Lawrence

Principal

International
Director



Bev Smith

Deputy Principal

ESOL Lead



Jieun Kim

Year 7/8 Teacher

Senior Years
Lead



Joey Cooke

Office Administrator

International
Student Support

Welcome to our community!



Elim Christian College

History

Elim Christian College and its schools represent a legacy dedicated to excellence in education and a holistic development of each student. Our school combines strong educational values with a supportive environment, nurturing students to achieve their personal best while positively impacting their communities. We believe that education goes beyond academics—it involves building strong character, encouraging a sense of purpose, and inspiring students to serve others.

Established in 2024, Elim Christian College Henderson honours the foundations set by previous generations while looking forward with confidence. Our commitment is to offer an education that prepares students not just for future careers, but also equips them with principles and values that will guide them throughout their lives.

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Our School

ARISE Framework



01 Achievement

We want all students to achieve their personal best as lifelong learners.



02 Responsibility

We want all students to be self-disciplined, diligent, and responsible citizens.



03 Inspiration

We want all students to be inspired thinkers who have fun learning and celebrate success with an attitude for excellence.



04 Skills

We want all students highly skilled collaborators who are equipped to make creative and innovative contributions to society.



05 ELIM Character

We want all students to have a foundation of Biblical knowledge expressed vibrantly in Christian values and distinctive character.

Settling In

CULTURE ADJUSTMENT

Adapting to a new culture is a gradual process, and it's completely normal to feel a mix of excitement and challenges. To smooth your transition, take the time to learn about New Zealand and connect with those who have lived there. Upon your arrival, approach everything with an open mind — things may differ from what you're accustomed to, and misunderstandings are possible. Engaging with locals, asking questions, and being eager to learn will help you integrate and feel at home.

Maintaining connections with family and friends can provide a sense of comfort; however, it's important to find a balance while fully embracing your new surroundings. Avoid isolating yourself, and don't shy away from making mistakes — people are generally willing to assist and often enjoy learning from you as well.

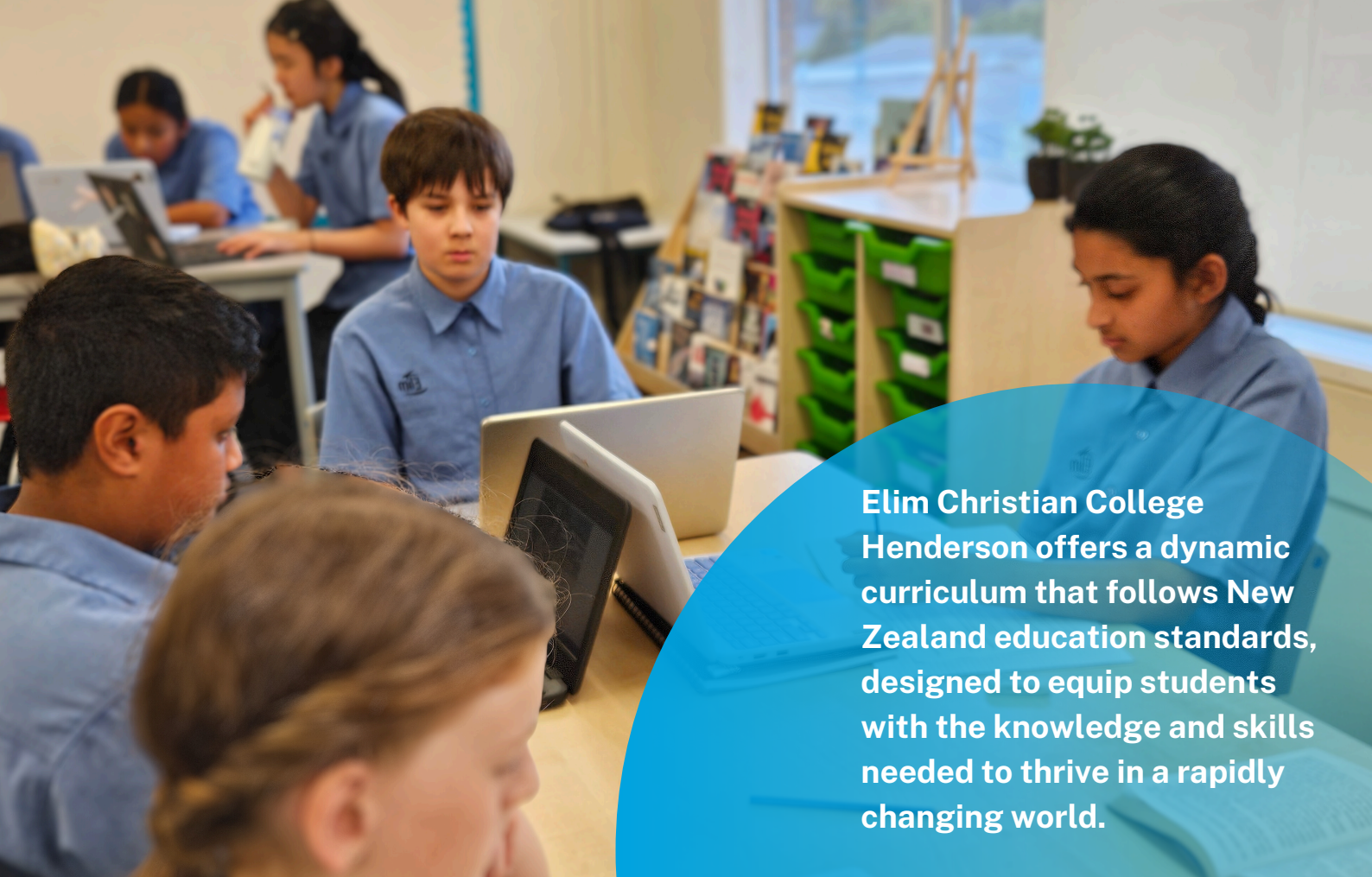
Returning home after your time abroad may also present unexpected difficulties. You might notice changes in yourself and your home environment, and it may take time to readjust. Just as you learned to navigate life in New Zealand, you will eventually find your footing again in your familiar surroundings. With patience and adaptability, both transitions can become enriching experiences that contribute to your personal growth.

USEFUL VOCABULARY

New Zealand has a number of languages spoken, most common are English and Te Reo. Please find a useful guide below:

CHINESE	ENGLISH	TE REO
Nín hǎo	Hello	Kia ora
Zǎo shàng	Good morning	Mōrena ata mārie
Zià wǔ hǎo	Good afternoon	Ahiahi mārie
Xué xiào	School	Kura
Xué shēng	Student	Ākonga
Xué xí	Learn	Ako
Xiè xiè	Thank you	Kia ora ngā mihi





Elim Christian College Henderson offers a dynamic curriculum that follows New Zealand education standards, designed to equip students with the knowledge and skills needed to thrive in a rapidly changing world.

Our Curriculum

Our curriculum emphasises a strong foundation in:



Mathematics



Literacy



**English for
Speakers of other
Languages**



**Science and
Visual Arts**

The curriculum offered at Elim Christian College Henderson meets the requirements of the National Curriculum Statements for all subjects. The core curriculum includes languages, mathematics, science, technology, social studies, the arts, physical education and health. Christian Living classes are also an important part of our programme but areas of the curriculum are taught from a biblical worldview.



Our Commitment



🍀 Our Commitment to Pastoral Care

When students from other countries come to study in New Zealand, it is important that those students are well informed, safe and properly cared for. New Zealand educational providers have an important responsibility for International Students' welfare.

The Code of Practice is a document providing a framework for service delivery by educational providers and their agents to International Students. The Code sets out the minimum standards of advice and care that are expected of educational providers with respect to International Students. The Code applies to pastoral care and provision of information only, and not to academic standards.

The Code applies to all education providers in New Zealand with students enrolled on an international study visa. The Code is mandatory to these providers and must be signed by them. You can request a copy of the Code from your New Zealand educational provider.

THE STANDARDS

The Code sets standards for educational providers to ensure that:

- High professional standards are maintained
- The recruitment of International Students is undertaken in an ethical and responsible manner
- Information supplied to International Students is comprehensive, accurate and up-to-date
- Students are provided with information prior to entering into any commitments
- Contractual dealings with International Students are conducted in an ethical and responsible manner
- The particular needs of the International Students are recognised
- International Students under the age of 18 are in safe accommodation
- All providers have fair and equitable internal procedures for the resolution of International Student grievances

If you have a complaint that can't be resolved at school, the school can help you to contact NZQA about your problem.

NZQA Call Centre is open Monday to Friday, 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM

Freephone in NZ: 0800 697 296

THE COMPLAINTS PROCESS

If something is making you unhappy, talk to someone to help solve the problem. You can ask a friend or another person to support you.

Problems with your schoolwork, teachers or assessments



Bev Smith

Problems with other students



Jieun Kim

Problems with fees, refunds, insurance or enrolment



Andy Lawrence

**If you are still not happy talk to the International Student Director:
Mr Lawrence**

**Not happy with the outcome? Ask a trusted staff member to help you approach
the Principal or Board of Trustees**

STUDY COMPLAINTS

If you have an unresolved issue relating to fees or contracts, Study Complaints can help international students to resolve financial and contractual disputes with their education provider.

Please view their website for more information and/or to make a complaint:

www.studycomplaints.org.nz

INSURANCE

All International Students must have appropriate travel insurance and medical insurance. Insurance cover must be translated in English for the school and must meet the minimal cover standards as outlined by the The Ministry of Education's Code of Practice.

Please ensure that you maintain full medical and travel insurance while you are enrolled at our school. If you need help to claim on your insurance policy, please ask Joey Cooke in the main office to help you.





General Information

At Elim Christian College Henderson, we welcome students who are eager to grow, explore, and achieve excellence. Our school day is carefully designed to provide a balance of academic rigour, cultural integration, and personalised support, ensuring each student thrives in their educational journey.



What to Expect at Elim Christian College Henderson

1. Personalised Learning

Small class sizes allow teachers to provide individual attention, ensuring students receive the support they need to thrive.

2. A Connected Community

A warm, family-like environment where students, teachers, and families build strong relationships and a sense of belonging.

3. Specialist Programmes

Dedicated teachers deliver high-quality instruction in Science and Visual Arts, providing hands-on and engaging learning experiences.

4. Holistic Support

A caring school culture with pastoral care, a dedicated ESOL program, and a focus on student well-being and personal growth.

Sample School Day

Block 1 8.40 - 10.20	Devotion / Bible Foundation Curriculum - Literacy / Mathematics
10.20 - 10.50	MORNING TEA BREAK
Block 2 10.50 - 12.00	Foundation Curriculum - Literacy / Mathematics
12.00 - 12.45	LUNCH BREAK
Block 3 12.45 - 1.45	Theme Curriculum - Inquiry, Social Sciences, Science
1.45 - 2.00	AFTERNOON BREAK
Block 4 2.00 - 3.00	Enrich Curriculum - PE, library, Visual Arts, Technology, Languages

Need To Know

Our Campus

Elim Christian College Henderson is located on a site of deep significance, continuing the legacy of Christian education. Our campus boasts beautiful facilities, including modern classrooms, specialist learning spaces, and areas dedicated to worship and community.

Situated in the heart of West Auckland, our kura is surrounded by the Waitākere Ranges and the vibrant diversity of the local community. Just a short distance from Henderson's town centre and major transport links, our campus offers both accessibility and a peaceful setting for learning.

Arriving at Auckland Airport

Auckland Airport is smaller compared to many international airports, making it easy to navigate. After exiting through the arrivals door, keep to your left. Please check your tickets carefully, as New Zealand is the first country to see each new day—you may arrive a full day ahead of your departure date.

If you are staying with a homestay family arranged by the school, one of our international staff members will meet you at the airport and take you to your accommodation. To ensure a smooth arrival, please send us your flight details as soon as they are confirmed by emailing our homestay coordinator at international@elimhenderson.school.nz. If you are staying with a family friend, relative, or have arranged your stay through an agent, they will likely organise your airport pickup and transport to your accommodation.

Climate

New Zealand experiences summer temperatures reaching up to 27°C and winter averages around 12°C. The coldest and wettest months span from June to August, while the warmest months are from December to March. Snow is rare in Auckland, though you can find it on the Central Plateau, particularly at Mt Ruapehu in the North Island's center. While gloves and hats are generally unnecessary in Auckland, they are essential if you plan to visit the South Island during winter.

Although these temperatures are typical, New Zealand's weather can change rapidly, with cold fronts or tropical cyclones arriving suddenly. Therefore, it's wise to be ready for unexpected shifts in weather and temperature, especially if you're hiking or engaging in outdoor activities during your holiday.





Contact us

We warmly welcome your questions as you explore joining Elim Christian College Henderson. Prospective students and parents, please feel free to contact us.

Contact Information



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Office Information

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Office Hours

Monday - Friday 8.15 AM - 3.30 PM

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Auckland 0610, New Zealand

Emergency Contacts

**In New Zealand, dial 111 for any emergency service such as polic,
ambulance or fire engine.**

We ask that in the event of an emergency, families also let the International Student Director (**0210 2400 812**) know so that the school is able to support families as required

Police Services



Henderson Police Station

+64 9 839 0600
7 Buscomb Avenue,
Henderson

Medical Providers



Waitakere Hospital

+64 9 839 0000
55-75 Lincoln Road,
Henderson



Whitecross Henderson

+64 9 836 3336
131 Lincoln Road, Henderson



Your Pathway to Excellence

Thank you for exploring Elim Christian College Henderson. We are a value-based community committed to excellence and dedicated to providing every child with the opportunity to achieve their best. We look forward to welcoming you.

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