

# PRINCIPAL'S

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### ONWARD AND UPWARD

As we approach the final weeks of our inaugural year, we are in the concluding stages of planning for the upcoming academic year. The past twelve months have been marked by significant milestones and achievements, including the welcoming of our foundational kaimahi, ākonga, and whānau.

Your support has been invaluable and is greatly appreciated. Our senior leadership team has frequently noted the positive reputation of our wonderful kura, which has contributed to a substantial increase in enrolments for the new year, accompanied by several exciting developments.

Next year, all our classes will transition to a composite structure, blending two year groups (for example, Y1/2 or Y3/4). This approach is common across kura in our nation and is known to foster enhanced social interaction, improved communication, and collaboration, which can lead to better academic outcomes.

In 2025, we will establish three Y1/2 classes composed of new ākonga, alongside our current New Entrant (Pūtakitaki) and Y1 ākonga (from Pīwauwau and Pīwakawaka). These class arrangements will be finalised in the coming weeks and communicated to parents via email early in Week 9. Additionally, we are pleased to announce that Rūma - Kea will formally join our Maunga team. Please be assured that this transition will not affect their curriculum or learning experiences; rather, it aligns better with future developments and plans to implement new curriculum changes while strategically addressing our growing population.

Another exciting initiative within the Ngāhere team is the establishment of our technology area. We are currently seeking two new kaiako to collaborate with our Y5-8 students in Technology and Science, in conjunction with their existing kaiako, to deliver an exceptional program. We will also be recruiting an Arts teacher to engage with our entire kura throughout the year.

Finally, we will implement a few location changes designed to streamline and accommodate our learning programs, along with thoughtfully considering the placement of kaiako to leverage their unique talents, passions, and strengths.

### 2025 ORGANISATION



Coinciding with our Y1 Visits, Orientation morning is an opportunity to connect our current whānau and ākonga with those joining us. Please view last week's communication (sent on Tuesday) for more information.

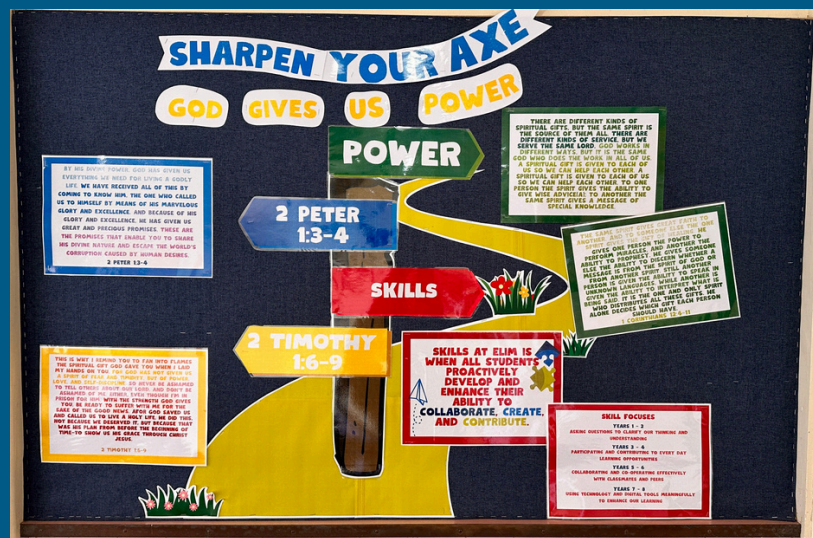
Please join us from 10:00 AM for kai and kōrero with leadership and our new whānau. Please **RSVP** at your earliest convenience. For those unable to attend, In the new year, we will host an evening event connecting our community.

INSPIRING MINDS

One of our guiding philosophies at Elim Christian College Henderson (ECC) is:

HABITUAL, **VISIBLE**, CONSCIOUS

This model is designed to enhance students' learning across various subjects and environments. **The significance of visibility lies in fostering familiarity**, thereby making it a common aspect of their educational experience. It is a part of our **commitment to create engaging and supportive learning spaces** that nurture curiosity and growth.



This concept informs key elements of our special character, including our focus areas, primary themes, and study scriptures. Opposite Rūma - Pūtakitaki, in the breezeway, **we have all pertinent information displayed for our ākonga**. In addition to serving as a “visible” space, it also allows us to actively involve whānau in the educational journey, as we aim to build a strong community that supports and uplifts each ākonga.

During morning drop-off, we encourage you to bring your child to explore this information. It can serve as a valuable resource for enriching discussions at home, particularly during dinner conversations. Together, we can create a **vibrant educational experience** that inspires lifelong learning and achievement.

For more information about our learning programs, please refer to our team newsletters available on our communications page.

A SPLASH OF SUCCESS

Following our Term 3 swimming program, we will be presenting participation certificates at our Week 5 assembly. If you are available and would like to attend, you are more than welcome to.

Please arrive at 2:20 PM for a 2:30 PM start. If you have any additional questions about the event please email [office@elimhenderson.school.nz](mailto:office@elimhenderson.school.nz) or [stephen.ryan@elimhenderson.school.nz](mailto:stephen.ryan@elimhenderson.school.nz)