

REVIVAL RAISING STARS



Student Handbook 2026

Welcome to Freedom School of Ministry 2026!

Our prayer is that the Holy Spirit would shape
and mould you into a REVIVALIST!
This book contains some useful information for
you as a student

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Our Vision

Freedom School of Ministry exists to **RAISE REVIVALISTS**.

Our mission is to Raise Revivalists who passionately pursue Jesus and His call on their lives. We are devoted to training, equipping and releasing people of all ages to go into the world and display the life-transforming power of Jesus Christ; and in doing so, we believe we are sending out the next generation of revivalists into a lost and broken world.

We do this by focusing on both the spiritual and the physical aspects of leadership, training people in the Word of God, and equipping them in their spiritual gifts and calling.

Our Values

Presence - Our Pursuit

All that matters is that He shows up. From our worship to our service we do it with His presence in mind. When God is in the room, all kinds of life changes happen.

Family - Our Function

The kingdom of God is not a business, it is a family of sons and daughters living in relationship with their heavenly Father. The Church is a covenant family.

Discipleship - Our Mandate

Every believer is called to make disciples. It may look different for everyone, but one thing remains, we want real relationships that create real disciples who then go and make more disciples.

Key Information

Freedom School of Ministry is a two year course, covering Holy Spirit, Church Planting & Leadership, Pastoral Epistles & Spiritual Warfare. The course is designed to prepare students for ministry and leadership and includes Worship, Small Groups, Activations and bonus topics offered in Chapel Time.

When does FSM start?

FSM officially begins on **Tuesday, 3 February at 6:30pm**. Our **All-In Leaders** and **Orientation Night** will take place on this date, and attendance is **required**.

Regular classes begin the following week on **Tuesday, 10 February**.

In-Person/Online Study

Freedom School of Ministry is based in Tauranga, New Zealand.

In 2026, we are introducing an in-person learning experience in Christchurch, where students will gather every Tuesday evening. Classes will be streamed live from Tauranga, while the rest of the nights programme will run in person. Therefore those based in Tauranga and Christchurch will be considered in person students.

Individuals residing outside of Tauranga or Christchurch will register as an online student.

FSM Fees

In-Person Study (Tauranga & Christchurch)

\$1,500 per year
Includes: Orientation, two items of FSM Merchandise, Tuition, Freedom Conference Ticket, Retreat, Graduation Dinner, Tea & Coffee, and Grazing Table.

Online Study

\$1,250 per year
Includes: Orientation, two items of Merchandise, Tuition, Freedom Conference Ticket, Retreat, and Graduation Dinner (for NZ-based students).

Payment Schedule

Upon acceptance, students are invoiced for the full year. 50% of fees are due immediately, with the remaining balance payable at the start of each term.



FSM Fees continued.

	In Person	Online
Deposit (on acceptance)	\$750	\$600
Due 17 April 2026	\$300	\$250
Due 17 July 2026	\$300	\$250
Due 2 October 2026	\$150	\$150
Total	\$1500	\$1250

Payments should be made to:
02-0466-0372340-000
Reference: First & Last Name, Deposit, FSM INV-

Payment arrangements will be considered, once the deposit of 50% has been received. Payment schedules are set to ensure instalment amounts when due are covered. Payment arrangements must be requested via email to director@freedomschoolofministry.nz.



What to expect from the FSM Team

Our goal is to treat you as the leader you're becoming. You can expect:

- **Prayer Support**
- **Teaching and Encouragement**
- **Pastoral Care** via your FSM small group (during class time)
- Hands-on **opportunities to grow** in ministry gifts and leadership

Graduation Requirements

To graduate, students must:

- Attend **Orientation, Annual Retreat***, and **Graduation Dinner***
- Maintain **80% attendance**, including attendance at church events that replace FSM or fall on the same night as FSM (e.g., All-In Prayer and All-In Leaders nights)
- Tauranga and Christchurch based students must attend **in person** for the full three hours (virtual attendance is only allowed for up to **5 pre-approved nights** under specific circumstances (sick, sick family member, working out of town, on holiday out of town etc.)) Virtual attendance after the allocated 5 nights have been used up will be considered absences.
- Complete and submit **minimum serving hours (averaging three hours per week between 2 February & 6 December 2026)**.
- Achieve at least **50% on both assignments**
- Adhere to the **Honour Code**

*Applies to NZ-based students only.

General Expectations of FSM students

Our prayer is that Freedom School of Ministry would be greatly empowering and enriching to your life! One to two years of God stretching, shaping and moulding you. It will be lots of fun, but also challenging. This is all part of leadership development so ask the Holy Spirit to have His way in your life and enjoy the adventure!

Church Attendance & Accountability

As an FSM student you are considered a leader, we therefore encourage students to attend our midweek church (Equip nights and Team Nights etc.) as these will develop and refine your leadership.

Accountability is achieved through effective communication. If you are going to be away on any Sunday throughout the year, please communicate this to the FSM Director. 48 hours' notice is encouraged, where possible. Please also use the blockout function within Planning Center to notify your Team Leader/s.

Whenever changing your serving roles, or making any changes that affect others, please ensure this is well communicated to the FSM Director and those it impacts. If you are not able to fulfil a position you have been rostered to, it is your responsibility to find a suitable replacement. Please use the decline function and communicate to the relevant Team Leader who your replacement is.

If you are an online student, this is applicable to your home church.

Attire

At FSM we represent Jesus to a dying world, so please dress that way. Smart casual is always a good guideline. No pyjamas, ugg boots, etc. We never know when we might need to introduce you to someone as a leadership student, so our presentation when serving, or during our classes should reflect a reasonable standard of excellence.

Lifestyle

1 Peter 1:16 says "Be Holy for I am Holy", therefore integrity and holiness is of utmost importance. People, and more importantly God is watching and we want to represent Jesus 24/7. A big part of that is what we post on social media. Ask yourself the question "Am I okay with a new believer seeing this?" and "Does this honour God?"

All students make a commitment to sign and uphold the Freedom Centre Honour Code.





Assignments

There are two assignments each year.

- Minimum of **2 weeks** to complete
- **5% deduction** per day for late submissions
- **50% minimum pass mark**

Assignments are designed to be accessible and practical—no academic background required.

Devotions

Each week, students will be rostered to present a short devotion (under 5 minutes).

The roster will be available on Google Classroom and Planning Center. Both in-person and online students will be expected to do a devotion.

Housekeeping

As FSM students, we are completely responsible for the upkeep of the building we meet in. We are privileged to be here and will treat it that way. Please use initiative, whether it is during our official cleaning times or not, please be on the front line and always on the lookout to keep the place looking great. Setup and pack-down will be rostered as shared responsibility by students each week, through Planning Center.

Timetable

FSM runs every Tuesday from 6:30pm–9:30pm, following school terms.

Term 1 (9 weeks)	Mon 2 Feb - Sun 5 Apr
Term 2 (11 weeks)	Mon 20 Apr - Sun 5 Jul
Term 3 (10 weeks)	Mon 20 Jul - Sun 27 Sep
Term 4 (8 weeks)	Mon 12 Oct - Sun 6 Dec

Police Vetting

On acceptance, all students will be Police Vetted, so we can utilise students without notice, in areas that require vetted volunteers without delays. If there is an issue with police vetting please discuss with the FSM Director.

Serving Requirements

As a ministry school, FSM students are expected to **actively** serve in church life, both in their area of calling and where needed.

- Monthly Encounter Night Kids Care (20-60 minute single slots during Encounter Night)
- Freedom Conference (serving in **Freedom Kids** + another area)
- Church Events & Outreach
- Location Launches (where possible or applicable)
- Facility Care

While the hours outlined below are a minimum requirement, we encourage students with greater capacity to get involved to a level that suits. All students are expected to complete timecards, outlining how they've served each term.

Students are required to serve (an average of) a minimum of three hours per week, with Sunday gatherings being the best way to undertake these.

Overseas Mission Trips

We aim to offer a **10-day missions trip to Vanuatu** towards the end of the year, cost estimated at **\$2,750** (dates TBC).

Retreat

The annual overnight retreat is held in both the North and the South Island, featuring teaching, worship, and outreach. The cost is included in FSM fees.

- **North Island Retreat:** 19–20 June
- **South Island Retreat:** 21–22 August

Graduation Dinner & Student Led Service

Graduation Dinner is a special night where we celebrate our students and their achievements.

The North Island Graduation Dinner will be held 5 December

The South Island Graduation Dinner will be held 12 December

Students will also lead a Student-Led Service, providing leadership and ministry opportunities. Family and friends are encouraged to attend.

Evangelism

There will be a few times during the year the students will be hitting the streets to preach the gospel to people! This is something that you will grow in and it will take on many shapes and sizes including:

- One on one evangelism and discipleship
- Friendship evangelism
- Street Preaching
- Prophetic Activation

More Info?

Visit our website for additional details.

Questions? Email us at **info@freedomschoolofministry.nz**.



