



# Catholic Cathedral College

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## TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN re .ELM

Catholic Cathedral College is a Y7 - Y13 co-educational school in Christchurch ([www.cathcollege.school.nz](http://www.cathcollege.school.nz)) where *CATALIST* was installed when the library was computerised in 1994. In July 2001 *CATALIST* was replaced with **.ELM**.

With **.ELM** it is possible to have more than one window open at a time making it a very efficient system. This is especially appreciated at those times when borrowers are needing to reserve and renew books as well as having other books issued and, when at the busiest time, some student inevitably needs to return a book so that his or her friend can get it issued for an assignment that was due the previous day.

The circulation function is very user friendly, a simple click on the relevant button with the mouse allows a borrower to return, renew, reserve and to have books issued from one window. This is a librarian's dream come true.

Teachers and students find **.ELM** very easy to use and are able to operate the issue desk with confidence, thereby freeing me to help with the million and one other things that students need.

Cataloguing has been made a breeze, all entries (AUTHOR, TITLE, ISBN ETC )are arranged in a single column making accessioning a very smooth process.

**.ELM** has, through its ease of use lightened my workload so that now I do not need to spend as much time in front of a computer. This makes better use of the librarian's skills and should lessen physical stress on the librarian.

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