

2018 Cooma Schools Ministry AGM
Teacher Report
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Hi,
2018 was an interesting year for SRE at Monaro High School. We had our challenges and our successes but overall I am happy with how 2018 played out. It is always interesting to see how the year develops with the students and teachers.

Some of the challenges this year were with enrolments and how that worked out in the students and staff.

The classes were scheduled quickly and fit into the timetable however some of the communication between staff, teachers and students was not always the best and information did not always get passed on to those who needed.

This year I transitioned from using Think Faith as the curriculum and started using Peacewise For Kids and this was moderately successful. It was effective in some lessons but otherwise were not received quite as well.

Year 7

The year 7 students come in the year a bit anxious about how the year will go while also having a nervous excitement about the step into High School. I have the blessing of being able to teach SRE at two of our local primary schools which allows many of the students to be familiar with me when they come into the class.

The year 7 student in 2018 were a pleasant group to teach. The hardest part in teaching this group of students was their inconsistency in turning up to class or being aware that SRE was on. I had a consistent core group of students that would be there for every class and others would come when they remembered or wanted to.

The numbers for year 7 were down from previous years which was disappointing and this made activities a bit harder to do with only small numbers.

Year 8

The year 8 students were once again accustomed to the way SRE fit within the established curriculum and timetabling of the school which always makes the transition for them easier. The students would make an effort when it came to SRE and they would participate in discussion quite well.

Some of the students in year 8 were looking quite deeply into some of the topics of that we learnt and began to have some really good discussions.

Numbers for year 8 SRE were of a consistent 20 students, sometimes less or more. The numbers of students made it good for doing class activities.

Prayer requests

- For this years students to have a desire to learn and understand God and the bible more.

- For stronger pathways to be made into the school to allow for more time with the students in a Christian context.
- For the teachers to actively support SRE in the school.
- For the whole school staff and the student body
- For better ways to engage students in class and to have a greater depth in discussions
- For any timetabling issues to be handled quickly and efficiently
- For a Chaplain to be employed so we have a more continued Christian influence
- For the Christian students to make a greater stand in Monaro High School
- For the changes in enrolment procedures to be worked through effectively and efficiently allowing for students and parents to see SRE as an important part of their/ their childrens upbringing and education.

Praise Points

- We still have SRE in NSW public schools
- I have made some really good connections with students at Monaro High (they will even talk to me down the street)
- I have been able to build good repore with some of the teaching staff at Monao High.

I would like to again thank you for your support through out 2018 and I look forward to having an even better year in 2019.

Thank You
David Reading