

Monaro High School
SRE Teachers Report
June 2019

Term 1 progressed well, in both year 7 and 8 we have been working through the "Think Faith" curriculum. Student numbers have been steady in both year 7 and 8 throughout term 1 and the beginning of term 2.

Year 7

The students in year 7 as a whole have interacted well with lessons and have continued to ask some deeper questions showing an engagement with the course content that goes beyond the surface of what is being taught.

The year 7 students are well behaved and this helps in the flow of the class allowing for everything to be taught and for discussions to be had.

Year 7 have been looking at how Jesus was the Unexpected King, through the understanding that Jesus was not what people were expecting when they talked of a coming king.

Year 8

The year 8 students have been more challenging to teach this year. With a few of the students being there because 1) they have to be, 2) their friends are there or 3) they don't want to go the other class.

This means that they are often distracting each other and not participating in class discussions and in term are slowing down the whole lesson as much time is then spent trying to bring the students back on to the lesson plan This means valuable teaching time is lost.

There are some students who are well behaved and the questions they raise are good and good discussion can arise from it. Year 8 have been looking at the Kingdom of Heaven. How the Kingdom of Heaven differs from other kingdoms and what that can look like in life.

Both year 7 and 8 classes are timetabled at period 5 on a Friday which doesn't help in the attention span of the students.

Praise Points

- Class numbers have remained stable
- Overall student interaction is good.
- There is good discussion in classes
- We still have SRE in Monaro

Prayer points

- For SRE in NSW
- For the students and staff of Monaro
- For myself
- For greater effectiveness in lesson presentation

Thank You for your continued support and prayers. Without your support SRE does not happen in Monaro High and students do not have the opportunity to learn about God.

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