

## CSMA Yearly Teachers Report

Monaro High School

2020

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2020 started out as a tough year with many students impacted by the bush fires that happened over the summer holiday. To begin with we managed to get in classes for the first term with both year 7 and 8 before the school went into lockdown due to covid. During this time, I talked with the school about what would be beneficial for the students and how I could best work within their structures and continue to provide the students with remote learning lessons. Although school was willing to work in this area, they raised the concern that the students may not place a huge emphasis on completing work as it was not a compulsory subject. This proved to be true and the interaction with students was non-existent during the lockdown.

Upon the school returning to normal class structures and timetables it was advised the SRE would not continue, in face-to-face classes. until the department of education and the SRE authorizing bodies were comfortable with non-essential people being on school property. This meant that over terms 2 and 3 there were no lessons provided at Monaro High.

In term 4 face-to-face lessons began again with both year 7 and 8. Due to the disruption throughout the year this meant that both yr7 and 8 were not in the habit of attending SRE and this caused some added disruption to the classes. Despite all the disruptions there was still some good opportunities in the classes for discussion around the bible and faith and what that looked like in the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

**Year 7** had a consistent group of students who were willing to ask deeper questions mixed in with students who were more there because of parents wishes than their own. We continued with the Think Faith curriculum covering a variety of topics around the life of Peter and Paul for most of term 4.

**Year 8** with many of the same students forming the core student base from year 7, this meant that a report had been built and despite the disruptions they knew what was happening and the structure that the lessons followed. Once again good discussion happened throughout the lessons with some deeper interaction with what the bible meant for them today and how faith may play a part in their lives.

### **Prayer points**

- For lessons in 2021 to start off smoothly and effectively.
- For the building work that is happening at Monaro to move quickly and for little disruption to the students and teachers
- For the staff and students to settle into 2021 smoothly.
- For the year 7 students to adapt to the changes of High School and feel like they belong.
- For open doors to speak into the life of the staff, students and teachers.
- For other opportunities to be involved in the life of Monaro high.

Thank you for all your support, financially and prayerfully of this important ministry in our high school.

Thank You and God bless

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