

Cooma Schools Ministry Association

Monaro High School

SRE teachers report

March 2021

Term 1 has been progressing well, with students returning to classes there was the usual beginning of school issues to navigate. Class numbers remain steady with a full class in year 8, 26 students and a smaller class in year 7, 15 students.

Year 7

Year 7 have started in the typical fashion I have found of year 7 at MHS, students are still learning to navigate their timetables and with SRE not being a timetabled class, this means that there can be a bit of confusion as to when classes are. This is until they get used to the set timetabled period. The year 7 students are again full of questions and challenges and we have had some good discussions in class that allows for the students to wrestle with ideas and concepts raised in their lessons.

Year 8

Having had SRE last year the yr 8 class has settled back into the routine of classes well. It is a good-sized class that has a variety of personalities that can mean that at times classroom management becomes a greater part of the lesson than I would like. With a mix of student beliefs, we can have some good discussions and although some students have tried to dominate the discussion, we have been able to hear a different perspective in each discussion and students have been able to decide for themselves how they this fits within their worldview.

Prayer points

- Pray for a continued open door into our Monaro High.
- For better teaching techniques so that students understand lessons better
- For the staff, their support of SRE and just general prayer for health and well-being.
- For James Armitage as the principal. A lot is going on at the school with building work and the general business of running a school.
- For potential new staff to be able to find accommodation in Cooma.
- For the students to be able to give all their lessons the attention that is needed.

Thank You again for your support both financially and in prayer. SRE is an important part of our schools and we need to be diligent in keeping it in our schools.

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