

## Monaro High School

### Scripture Teacher Report

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I want to begin by saying thank you to everyone who supports this ministry in Monaro High. We have a huge privilege to be able to present the bible in our local school and to be able to provide Christian education to students who may not have ever stepped inside the walls of a church building. On the whole SRE at Monaro High is going well, we continue to see support from the Principal and have our presence in the school acknowledged in different ways. There is still the ever present need for us to continue to lift our school, the staff and the students, in prayer as we continue to see a growing call for SRE to be removed from public schools in NSW.

Our continued presence in Monaro high has helped to keep this important ministry going and hopefully continue for many years to come.

So what does SRE in Monaro High look like at the moment?

#### **Year 7**

It has been unfortunate but I have had a decline in students attending the class over the last term. There may be a few factors in this but I do believe that there is no really active involvement from some of the staff in making sure that students attend the class during their timetabled period. With the student I do have we generally have a good discussion around the topics that we are learning about and it appears that they get something out of it. Our current unit is titled Mark – the unexpected King, this unit focusses on the book of Mark and how Jesus didn't fit the idea of what a king should or would look like for the Israelites and especially not the Messiah. It challenges our preconceived ideas of what a leader looks like and draws our attention to how Jesus is truly the Messiah.

#### **Year 8**

Year 8 have continued to attend in good numbers and despite it feeling that sometimes I am fighting a losing battle to have their attentions I have had instances where students of talked at a level that they previously did not seem to focus on. As an example, I had one student, who is normally disrupting the class answer a question with a thought out answer that showed they were actually taking in some of the topics that we had talked about and beginning to think about things more.

Our current unit is looking at the book of Matthew and look at how Jesus is truly God's promised King. We have been having some really good discussion around what a leader looks like and how Jesus fulfills all the requirements and how we can see that Jesus is truly a king that is worthy of following.

There are still challenges within teaching and making sure that lessons are relatable and understandable for the students. But I do believe that there is a seed being sown in the hearts of each student in the class.

Prayer points:

- For a greater Christian presence amongst the staff of Monaro High.
- For the students and staff
- For continued favour in the school and for SRE across our state to continue.
- For better teaching methods for myself and for God inspired lessons that really impact the students.

Thank you again for all your support, financially and prayer, with it this important ministry would be harder to make happen.

A quick thought for you all

Every move of God throughout history has begun with the church seeking Gods face and praying with a hunger and thirst to see God move. Revivals have begun because a few people got together and prayed, for years on occasions, so that God would move.

Let us be known as those people who prayed in a move of God in our schools.

Thanks and God Bless

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