

Cooma Schools Ministry Association

Monaro High School

SRE Teacher Report

21-7-2022

SRE at Monaro High this year has been going well. Overall class numbers are down on previous years however the students that attend are well engaged and participate in the lesson well.

Generate Ministries merged with Scripture Union to form an Australia wide Schools ministry organization benefitting both SRE and School Chaplains. As a member of SU I was invited to attend SU's Schools Ministry conference during the school holidays. This helped to fill some of the teacher development requirements. It was a good conference with workshops directly looking at Behaviour Management in the classroom and one titled SRE for Students/Scallywags from a non-religious background.

The second workshop looked directly at the need for developing methods to engage student of little to no religious upbringing or understanding.

**Year 7**

Year 7 students have continued to grow and develop in their ability to discuss their thoughts around the topics covered last term and developed an understanding through the lens of the Gospel of Mark that Jesus was the unexpected King that Israel was waiting for and as a result was the Messiah that we all need.

**Year 8**

Year 8 have been studying Matthew, looking at Jesus as God's promised King. The yr 8 class is a happy class and engages well in discussion and group activities. Year 8 continue to ask deeper questions beginning to search for a greater understanding of why we are here and what does belief in God, from the Christian perspective, mean to them and how does affect their lives.

The students in both year 7 and 8 as a majority come from non-religious homes and is encouraging to see them searching through their understanding of God and how it relates to them.

**Prayer points**

- Pray for continued favour for SRE in NSW and at Monaro High so that this great ministry can continue.
- For better teaching techniques so that I can better engage the students.
- For the staff at Monaro High

Thank you for your continued prayers and financial support

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