

Cooma Schools Ministry Association

Monaro High School

SRE teachers report

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Term 1 has been interesting with an abnormal amount of class disruption with timetabling of other programs and events happening that clashed with classes throughout the term especially with year 7. In an improvement from the last few years class times changed from last period on a Friday to the period before lunch and the classroom assignment is one that is much better for teaching as it is a dedicated classroom and not a thoroughfare between rooms in the middle of the building.

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, 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.

This term unfortunately year 7 only had 2 classes with many clashes with other programs that have been on during the Friday afternoon allotted time.

I will be spending term 2 going over what was the unit for term 1 to recover what the students missed.

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 fit this within their worldview.

With a few changes in staffing and how they processed the enrolments for SRE I had more students participating in the class compared to last year. This has meant that I am building a foundation of understanding with many of them that has been lost due to missing out on last year's lessons.

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 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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