

## **Cooma Schools Ministry Association Inc**

### **2024 Yearly Teachers Report**

2024 saw a continuation of using ThinkFaith as the curriculum used in Monaro High for both year 7 and 8 classes. Overall, the interaction with students in both year groups was good although the numbers for year 7 were quite low, I had a consistent class of 4 students. However, the entire year group was only 42 students. Year 8 continued with the steady number that it had from 2023.

I had a return to period 6 classes and although there was some struggle in trying to get students to class to begin with once they were in the routine there were no issues and the classes moved along nicely.

2024 also saw my chaplaincy hours increase from 1 day per week to 3 days per week and I have found that many more God conversations happen, and student will ask me about my faith or questions they have more openly.

#### **Year 7**

As stated, year 7 was a small year group this year and the SRE class consisted of 4 students. With though we still had good conversations around the topics we learnt and there were some deeper questions about God that were asked then were prompted in the lessons.

There were some big personalities in this class and getting them to remain on task did prove challenging at times, we had fun along the way and I plan for this to continue for 2025.

#### **Year 8**

The year 8 group continued from where they left off in 2023 and the numbers remained consistent around 20 students. We had some good discussions throughout the year and at the end of the year there was a growth in their understanding of the topics that we had been learning about and how we can apply them to our life.

#### **Praise points:**

- SRE is still in the school and although there is opposition to SRE being there it is widely accepted by the staff.
- Class discussions were good and there was consistent growth and depth being demonstrated through the questions that they asked.

### **Prayer Points**

- For the students who have moved into year 9 that they will find God interacting in their lives and know that He is working in the world.
- For the new year 7 students that they will continue to settle into the structure and routines of high school well.
- For the staff of MHS that they will have an open heart to the things of God.
- Mr. Armitage has returned as Principal, please pray for continued favour with him and the school executive team.

Thank you for all your support and prayer for SRE at Monaro High School.

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