



CRAIGHEAD

DIOCESAN SCHOOL

Synod Report 2022

Craighead Diocesan School continues to see ongoing regeneration in line with our country's growing demand for Special Character enrolments. With a current roll of 296 day girls and 113 boarders (406 students in total) we continue to house a Chapel Committee that represents a third of the school.

In our last report we aimed to reform the language and outworking of our Special Character to Anglican Character, in order to sharpen the students and the communities understanding of who we are. We have seen much fruit from a revised Christian Education curriculum - which has integrated simple Catechises questions about what we believe and what Anglican Character actually is. We continue to improve our understanding through our current Chapel series called "Simply Anglican" - which draws from the book of the same title by Winifred Bevan. Simply Anglican explores who we are as an Anglican Character school; where Anglicanism originated, what we believe, what we pray, what liturgy is, why we celebrate the sacraments, the necessity of the Bible, the need for mission today, and the importance of Charity.

Looking ahead we are continually seeking to reform our culture to be one that reflects a people of prayer. As one of our school wide strategic goals Staff have been called upon to assist in praying at the beginning of meetings, or on public occasions. Students likewise are being moulded in the expectations that they will be able to pray when called upon, before meals, before class, and as a whole school community. We are reforming the school prayer to reflect 21st Century language, learning the Lord's prayer by memory and (when we allowed to sing again) will learn *He Poi* and *Te Karakia O Te Atua* via song. We are thankful for the Bible Society's ongoing provision of New Testaments through which each Staff member, and each student have been given a copy.

The emerging issues for our group focuses around the ongoing demands of having to deliver a flexible in person and on line curriculum, and adjust to changing COVID structures. This year has been the first year we have been hit with COVID and staff and students have adjusted to the blended learning superbly.

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