

## Report to the Christchurch Diocesan Synod 2022

The Cathedral Grammar School was established in 1881 to educate the choristers of the Cathedral. Today we still fulfill that function with 20 boys and 15 girls in the Choristers. We maintain strong links with the Cathedral, Dean Lawrence, and the Warden, Bishop Peter.



At The Cathedral Grammar School faith, hope and love are at the heart of the matter as we set about nurturing, knowing, and growing our students in a holistic, spiritual, and heart-focused manner. Each child attends two Chapel services and has one Religious Education lesson each week. The Pre School children have a Chapel service each week. Five times a year the school has a service in the Transitional Cathedral.

The roll has increased over the last year, with 288 students currently attending from Pre School to Year 8.

COVID restrictions have meant some of our regular events had to be adapted, postponed, or cancelled.

### Major activities in the last year

- Chapel Services, classes, and assemblies continued online during the lockdown. Eight staff worked in three bubbles to support students who returned to school at Level 3.
- Operetta - Go Fish (Years 1-3) and Beauty and the Beast (Years 4-8). Due to COVID restrictions, these were professionally filmed at the James Hay Theatre, then shared online. A DVD was also produced.
- Grandparents and Special Friends day.
- Winners Year 5-6 EPro8 Challenge (science and engineering competition).
- School rock bands won seven awards at the Regional Bandquest.
- Extend Sports programme offers a range of non-traditional sports opportunities, such as horse-riding, circus skills, and ice-skating, and runs in Term 1 and Term 4.
- Eight 2022 Year 8 students were awarded scholarships to Christchurch secondary schools.
- Nine Lessons and Carols service was recorded in two parts and screened online.
- Prizegiving was held over three sessions (Junior School, Years 4-6, and Years 7-8) in the Transitional Cathedral. These were all live-streamed, which enabled extended family around NZ and overseas to be part of these events.
- Parents and caregivers have been supportive of the COVID-related restrictions.
- Prep School camps.
- Blessing of the new classroom block on the first day of the 2022 school year - the planned official opening had to be postponed.
- New Deputy Principal began in July 2021.
- New Music Director began in 2022.

### Major activities planned for the coming year

- Opening of the new classroom block.
- Welcoming parents and whanau onto the school site and at events.

Scott Thelning  
Principal

Simon Wynn Thomas  
Board Chair

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