



The Cathedral Grammar School

Report to the Christchurch Diocesan Synod 2020

Overall Summary

The Cathedral Grammar School is in good heart.

The Cathedral Grammar School was established in 1881 to educate the choristers of the Cathedral. Today we still fulfil that function with 20 boys in the Choristers. In 2020 a Girls' Chorister group was established with 12 girls from The Cathedral Grammar School..

At The Cathedral Grammar School faith, hope and love are at the heart of all we do as we set about nurturing, knowing and growing our students in a holistic, spiritual and heart focused manner. Academic performance and high expectations are balanced with a focus on wellbeing and the development of skills and qualities to thrive in a challenging and evolving world. Every child, every day. It's the Grammar Way.

Each child attends two Chapel services and has one Religious Education lesson each week. The Pre-School children have a Chapel service each week.

Highlights in the last year

- Marketing strategy, staff experience and relationships with students, culture and curriculum changes over the recent years resulting in roll growth of 15% over the past year
- Termly whole school special services in the Transitional Cathedral
- Bishop's Day and Dean's days
- Archbishop John Sentamu's visit on Ash Wednesday
- Appointment of a new Board Chair
- Girls' School's 25th birthday
- Embedding of the new school curriculum
- Service projects including Ronald McDonald House; World Vision initiatives; City Mission support
- Cultural and service trip to Samoa in November – 2 teachers, 10 students and 6 parents. Highlights of this trip were working alongside C1 Café in their tea plantation and visiting Savaii, staying in fale and experiencing village life.
- Art Exhibition
- 6G artwork used on the Anglican Schools Office website
- Establishment of Girl Choristers. This is a ground-breaking venture, the first Girl Chorister group in New Zealand
- Band successes at a local and national level, with The Not Yet Band winning best original song in the country
- High Performers and Music, Arts, Dance and Drama evenings
- Extracurricular successes at a local and national level in hockey, athletics and skiing
- Great remote learning programme and community engagement, including twice weekly whole school Chapel services online, during COVID-19 lockdown

Major activities planned for the coming year

- Building of Boys' School
- Continuing to build the school roll
- Due to Covid-19 some activities have been postponed

Scott Thelning
Principal

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Board Chair

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