



CRAIGHEAD

DIOCESAN SCHOOL

Synod Report 2023

Craighead Diocesan School has a current roll of 415 (as of May 8, 2023), of which 298 are Day girls, 117 are Boarders (including 14 International Students). The Chapel Committee continues to represent about a third of the school. Christian Education has been reapplied as Religious and Social Education in 2023 (without a specialist teacher) as the school has sought to replace the full time Chaplain.

Principal Lindy Graham notes – “Throughout 2022, schools continued to face challenges presented by the lingering effects of the global pandemic. Our staff and students remained agile, adapting and responding to the constantly changing education landscape. We were determined to make the most of every opportunity, whether learning face-to-face or using digital platforms, on the sports field, and in cultural or spiritual endeavours.” Toward the end of 2022 and beginning of 2023 we have been able to resume our usual Special services. A particular highlight was both our Ash Wednesday and Easter services, in which all students were able to fully participate. The Timaru Christian Ministers Association held their combined Good Friday Service on site which again highlighted for our community the importance of celebrating Easter.

Looking ahead we are excited to welcome our new Chaplain Stephanie Mander in July. In addition we have multiple building projects planned for 2023-2024 which will see our space expanded and renewed for our students and our community. We continue to appreciate the strong connections with St John’s Anglican Church. We are prayerful they will be able to find another Youth Worker who will be able to continue offering a midweek youth group to our boarders and in house weekly prayers.

Our ongoing challenges continue to be a high waitlist, which as reported last year is in line with a national demand for Special Character school placements.

Rev Lucy Flatt
Interim Chaplain

Nicky Hyslop
Board of Proprietors Chairperson