

## Report to the Christchurch Diocesan Synod 2023



The Cathedral Grammar School was established in 1881 to educate the choristers of the Cathedral. Today we still fulfil that function with 19 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 all we do 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.

### Major activities in the last year

- Welcoming whānau and parents onto the school site and to events.
- Chapel Services, classes, and assemblies continued in a hybrid form for a term, with one cohort present in the Chapel/Hall and the rest of the school joining online in their classrooms.
- School-Cathedral services and Prizegiving returned to pre-Covid format with everyone able to attend. The School-Cathedral services have been well-attended by family members.
- The Chapel Committee (8 students), supported by the Principal, Dean Lawrence, and Rev. Chris Orczy, led Chapel services while the Chaplain was on leave for 5 weeks in Term 3 2022.
- A highlight was a return to the whole school being present for Chapel services—a new experience for a number of staff and students.
- Enrolments have increased, with a fourth Year 1 class opened in Term 4 2022.
- Two students received medals for gaining the highest score in their year level in the ICAS (International Competitions and Assessments for Schools) assessments.
- Prep School camps.
- Celebration of Arts, Music, Drama, and Year 7 Wearable Arts at The Piano.
- New Dean of the Junior School began in 2023 along with three new teachers.
- Back to School BBQ—a fun event to welcome current and new families back to school.
- New cricket nets installed, and playground court markings updated.
- First post-Covid Open Day in March saw record numbers register.
- Sporting success locally, regionally, and nationally, including one student winning two National titles at the NZ Secondary Schools Triathlon event, and another student selected for the NZ Rhythmic Gymnastics team.
- Extend Sports programme continues to offer a range of non-traditional sports opportunities, such as horse-riding, circus skills, and ice-skating, and runs in Term 1 and Term 4.
- Interschool sporting exchanges have recommenced.

- Structured Literacy PD for all teachers of English.
- Farewelled Geoff Cain, Bursar for 24 years.
- Welcomed April Pike to the position of Business Manager.

### **Board Matters**

- John Caldwell has been appointed to the Board in 2022. Three new parents on the Board who have been appointed in April 2023. They are Salina Li, Rebecca Rosie, and Charles Ferguson. The previous Board Chair, Simon Wynn-Thomas concluded his time on the Board on 31 January 2023.
- The Anglican Character of the school is a standing item on the Board agenda.

### **Chorister Highlights**

- Boy Choristers were televised singing God Save the King at the Death of the Queen in September 2022.
- Choristers participated in the NZ Cathedrals choir festival in Auckland over Labour Weekend 2022.
- In December the Choristers sang carol recitals in Burwood Hospital, Public Hospital, the Cathedral, and The Piano.
- The girl choristers are going from strength to strength under the leadership of Kimberley Wood.

### **Major activities planned for the coming year**

- Operetta in Term 3 2023.

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Principal

Dean Lawrence  
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Board Chair

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