



# The Cathedral Grammar School

## Report to the Christchurch Diocesan Synod 2021

### Overall Summary

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 the matter 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.

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

### Major activities in the last year

- Regular activities
  - Termly whole school special services in the Transitional Cathedral
  - Dean's Day
  - Junior School Pet Day
  - Art Exhibition
  - Music evenings
- Launch of the Girl Choristers in October 2021. The Girl Choristers had an anthem written especially for them by Sarah McDonald which they sang at their launch.
- Baptism of four Choristers
- Service projects
- Blessing of the site and workers of the new classroom block
- Re-levelling of the administration block
- Appointment of a new Deputy Principal (who will start in July)
- Appointment of a new Head of Pre School

### Major activities planned for the coming year

- Operetta (postponed from 2020)
- Hosting a Cultural and Sport exchange with St Mark's Church School, Wellington,
- Completion of the new classroom block

Scott Thelning  
Principal

Simon Wynn Thomas  
Board Chair

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