

## **Report to the Christchurch Diocesan Synod May 2023 - May 2024**

The Cathedral Grammar School was established in 1881 to educate the choristers of the Cathedral. Today we still fulfil that function with 18 boys and 16 girls in the Choristers. We maintain strong links with the Cathedral, Dean Ben, 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**

- Enrolments continue to increase.
- Prep School camps: Y4 at Living Springs, Y5 at Wainui, Y6 at Hanmer Springs, Y7 at Boyle River, Y8 at Castlehill.
- Year 7 students participated in Showquest Toi Wearable Art. "The Floating Tree" was Highly Commended and featured in the 2023 Junior Lookbook.
- Epro 8: Canterbury winners
- Operettas in Term 3: Junior School—Pirate Cantata; Prep School—Sound of Music. Very positive community feedback.
- Farewelled Deputy Principal, Ryan Shaughnessy at the end of 2023.
- Change of Board Chair. Thank you to Reverend Lawrence Kimberley for your role as Acting Chair. Welcome to Andrew Shaw as Chair.
- Welcomed Dean Ben to school.
- Back to School BBQ—a fun event to welcome current and new families back to school. 2024 included a performance by the Qiao Yi Hong De Lion Dance 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.
- Sport and cultural exchange with St Marks, Wellington, in Christchurch.
- Interschool winter and summer sporting exchanges with Waihi, Medbury, and St Andrews.
- Filming for updating promotional videos.
- Music highlights include workshops with Hugh Morris, Director of RSCM; and Chris Bruerton, ex- chorister and King's Singer.
- Choristers sang with The King's Singers.
- LitQuiz Canterbury winners. Next step is the National competition.
- EnviroSchools: worm farm established. Preschool gained Bronze status. School working towards achieving Bronze status.

- Award winners at Bandquest
- Purchasing and demolition of 28 Park Terrace. This space will be grassed for playground activities in the interim while further decisions are made about future facilities.
- Major maintenance work on Inveresk, which houses the Uniform Shop, Support Staff, and accommodation for the Cathedral's Assistant Organist. The Preschool also had significant renovations undertaken.
- We have welcomed in our new Deputy Principal-Carmel Knight

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

- Develop a new 3-5 year strategic plan
- Develop plans for the next new facility on our site
- Cultural capability professional development across the school
- Achieving EnviroSchools Bronze status in the school

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