

KILLARA DISTRICT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION ASSOCIATION

PROVIDING CHRISTIAN SRE AT KILLARA HIGH SCHOOL







TERM 2, 2021

And we know that God causes everything to work together for the good of those who love God and are called according to his purpose for them.

Romans 8:28 NLT

Updates

Since the beginning of 2021, we have seen some great momentum in the SRE ministry at Killara High as there have been minimal interruptions caused by Covid restrictions. We have had the freedom to effectively run our SRE program and have had multiple students come back at lunchtime from years 7-10 asking a whole range of questions, which means the hunger for Jesus is still prevalent in the school and that our team are giving their best effort to deliver the message of Jesus to these students. However, with new Covid lockdowns we are asking for prayer heading into term 3 that it will not disrupt our momentum of what God is doing in this ministry.

Classes

Our year 7 and 8 classes are going really well. It is always exciting speaking to bright-eyed students who are keen to get the answers correct and raise their hand to engage in discussions. We have had great feedback regarding students' engagement levels from all our teachers. We aim to take their knowledge of Christ deeper into a personal understanding of our Lord and Saviour.

Teaching our Year 10 cohort has been interesting in a few ways as they come to an end of their regular classes. As they reach their senior years at school, the students become more definite in their beliefs and it leads to some interesting discussions. Whether it be a student who is more convinced of the truth of the gospel – which is our great encouragement – or

sometimes it's the student who is more vocal about their doubts or questions of the Bible, we get to engage in some dynamic discussion to help our students along their walk with God. Some have come back and asked for prayer for their family or friends. One student in particular came to us asking for prayer for his agnostic friend who did not attend SRE. The next week, the student we prayed for attended our lunchtime program with many deep questions that took a lot of thoughtful answers from our leaders.

Senior Seminars

We had a great seminar this semester, with Ryan Byrne returning to help out, as well as another SRE teacher whom we partner with — Jamie Murray. These two young men were very engaging for our seniors with Jamie being able to share his story this term, of how God changed his life and Ryan following that up with a gospel message for our seniors.

It can be interesting engaging with seniors as we have taught them for the previous 5-6 years and they have heard the message of Jesus multiple times. There would be a lot on their mind leading up to half-yearly exams or approaching HSC exams, but we hope to be a voice of hope as they get older and as they confront new challenges in life that they will need hope for. Ryan and Jamie seemed to do a great job of this as we had students wait behind after the seminar to receive prayer – Praise God!

Prayer and Praise

- Praise God for the excitement and engagement in our junior classes.
- We are grateful that we have had so much opportunity and momentum this year.
- Please be praying that the new restrictions do not hinder the good work happening at KHS.
- Praise God for how well the senior seminar went, and that students approached us for

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prayer afterwards.

Peter's Update

It has been an exciting year for our family – especially now as we are on the brink of buying our first home. Please be praying for our family that this blessing of home ownership can be fully utilised for God's great work. We hope to resume respite foster care in the coming months, and again we hope that we are not hindered by Covid restriction in this process. Hope and the kids are doing well, everyone is staying healthy and fit with lots of walks around town during this lockdown period.

Peter Gardner

SRE Coordinator



KILLARA HIGH SCRIPTURE 10 X 10 CHALLENGE 10 NEW MEMBERS FROM 10 CHURCHES EACH GIVING \$100

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10x10 Challenge:

We have a unique opportunity to invest in the lives of young people in our area. It's as simple as giving \$100 a year and praying for God to shape the lives of students at Killara High School. We're looking for 10 people from 10 churches to give \$100 each year. Will you take part in what God is doing in the lives of youth?

Treasurer's Report

We have again been blessed by the generosity of God's faithful servants. We are all going through a difficult time with the current lockdown with all the restrictions and disruptions it entails. It is therefore an even greater blessing to see Gods people support the love of Jesus through SRE at Killara High. Our expenses for the 2021 year are expected to be \$55000 and we are able to report that by June 2021 \$46000 has been raised. We have plans to extend our SRE work which will require additional funds and we ask you to keep us in your prayers.

Yours in Christ,

Derek Cornelius KDCEA Treasurer

Chairperson's Report

It is great to hear about all the good work that Peter Gardner and his team have done in Killara High School during the first half of 2021. Unfortunately progress has now been interrupted by the current Covid-19 situation but we intend to resume classes and lunchtime activities in Killara High School as soon as possible. Discussions are continuing regarding the involvement of KDCEA in Lindfield Learning Village. Thank you to all our members and friends for your continuing interest in our work, support and prayers

Yours in Christ,

James Cox KDCEA Chairperson

Financial Support

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