MENTONE GRAMMAR

ANGLICAN IDENTITY STATEMENT

BACKGROUND

Mentone Grammar is an Anglican school, and we welcome students of all backgrounds and religious beliefs. Our School was established in 1923 by the parish of St Augustine's Anglican Church, Mentone. The Vicar, together with key church leaders and members of the congregation, worked to establish a school where young people from the local area could receive a high-quality education.

The Vicar served as the School Chaplain, and St Augustine's functioned as the School chapel – a tradition that continues to this day. St Augustine's provides an important point of continuity, by being the only building in which every single student, throughout our long history, has spent time.

While our School has always been an Anglican school, the arrangement between the Anglican Church and Mentone Grammar was formalised in 1957 and symbolised by the addition of the Bishop's mitre to our School crest.

Our Anglican Identity is not simply a legacy of the past; it continues to shape our current practice and guide our School into the future.

As an Anglican school Mentone Grammar stands alongside more than 160 other Anglican schools across the country, helping to educate more than 170,000 students and employing more than 17,000 staff.

HOW IS OUR ANGLICAN IDENTITY EXPRESSED IN THE LIFE OF OUR SCHOOL?

- Our seven School Values of Caring, Discipline, Endeavour, Integrity, Resilience, Respect, and Service that shape and guide our School community are derived from the Bible and exemplified in the life of Jesus.
- Every student participates in a Religious Education lesson once each cycle.
- Every student participates in chapel services, usually held at St Augustine's.
- Prayer and reflection are features of every assembly – led either by a Chaplain or a student.
- The two key Christian occasions of Easter and Christmas are observed in the life of the School.
- Chaplains are the key staff members who share about our School Values, deliver RE lessons, lead chapel services, and provide pastoral care to students, staff and former students.
- The chaplains are key drivers of our School Value of Service by mentoring and supporting the student Social Service team and their initiatives.

