

Report for 2025 Leadership Diversity (MIT Campus) on 20 /8/2025

- 7 schools registered as follows:

Dio with 1 teacher

Southern Cross with 1 teacher

Otahuhu College with 1 teacher

Seventh Day Adventist with 2 teachers

Manurewa School with 1 teacher

Al Madinah (pulled out due to teacher strike)

Papakura School. (pulled out due to lack of interest)

RDC members included Ricky Waters (presenting) Mary Nissan (admin) John Aston (support) Elena and Helen (volunteer friends of John Aston) . Presenters were Ricky Waters and Sandy Robertson (Dio Chaplain)

- There was a 50/50% gender mix of students .
- The MIT schools liaison staff initiated a short warm up exercise at morning tea time . This was partially successful but the students were rather noisy .
- Biscuits ,sliced apples and water was provided for the morning break. Lunch of 30 pizzas from Flame Pizzas Botany, catered for 70 personal . We need to increase the number of pizzas to take into account , the number of male students. Biscuits and sliced apples supplemented this . Water was provided .
- The student speakers were represented as follows:
Morning Jewish (Jacob Ainsworth Shapiro) , Hindu (recorded) (Dio) , Al Madinah pulled out (see above) with their student speakers
Afternoon Christian (Dio)
- Only a few students offered their contact details for further involvement with LDD or Speed Faithing.
- Feedback was sort from both the students and teachers. A summary has been collated according to the “common” responses plus some of the more insightful replies.

STUDENT

1 Which session or speaker did you find the most valuable and why ?

- Elizabeth (Christian) was the most valuable even though I'm Hindu
- Jacob's speech (Jewish) : very intelligent , well spoken and entertaining.
- Jacob , (Jewish) . I don't often get to hear about Judaism perspectives so it gave me a new level of understanding
- The last one . Speaker on Christian. Learn about it .

2 In what ways have your ideas changed as a result of the day

- My ideas have not changed, however they have been improved in terms of changes I would like to make

- I've become more open minded to other religions
- I have become more confident in sharing ideas with people I was paired with
- That I need to make more of an effort to promote diversity and think on how I can be the best leader possible

3 What did you learn that will help you be a better leader in Year 13

- Accept everyone for who they are , no matter the culture, colour or race
- To never change me to impress others because a badge won't define me
- Leadership techniques : how to connect with a range of people, to focus on peoples's needs and not personal gain
- Humility and authenticity
- That Christ is the head

4 Can you suggest ideas that would have improved the day

- Longer breaks and more food
- More activities to get to know other schools
- More schools, more religions

TEACHER

1 What benefit did your students get from today ?

- Hearing perspectives from other schools
- Importance of getting along with other people of other backgrounds (ethnic , religious)
- Some of the religions, my students didn't know existed beyond movies (Jewish)

2 Have you some thought about the format of the day ?

- I understand the importance of the powhiri being in te Reo but a little more warning would help students be prepared and not switch off
- Great sense of respect for diversity
- Well thought out and well paced

3 What time of the year do you think is best for this Leadership Diversity Day

- Term 1
- Early Term 3
- This time works well before leadership selection process

4 Any other comments

- Thank you for running the day and thank you for all the people who have contributed to running the day
- It is so good using the wharehau for this format