

Cobram Secondary College

Parent/Carer Newsletter



Term 3 Week 6 2025

Every Student Matters, Every Staff Member Cares, Every Opportunity Taken, Every Student Succeeds

From the Principal:

With three busy weeks remaining, it's hard to believe that the term is nearly over. Over the next three weeks, the Leadership team will be meeting with the 2026 students and families. Transition is an exciting and daunting time. Our year 12's are currently planning their transition from school, with many securing work once they leave, and many looking to go to university. Check out our social media celebrating our students' many talents and opportunities. I'm pleased to hear how well our students are doing on work experience - hopefully this will help them to make future plans.

Upcoming events / key dates

- Monday 1st September - Music Ensemble Evening - W6 at 7pm
- Thursday 4th September - Victorian School Music Festival (senior Concert Band)
- Friday 5th September - GMD Athletics
- 10th - 12th September - Grenfell Cup - Lunchtime Games

Teaching and Learning

Progress Reports: will be released to parents on Monday 8th September

Parent Teacher Interviews: Monday 15th Sept 4.00pm - 6.00pm, Wednesday 17th Sept 4.00pm - 6.00pm.

Parent Teacher Bookings: will be open to parents on Monday 1st September at 3.00pm

Semester 2 Exams: A draft of the Exam timetable will be available Week 8 of this term

- Year 11's Exams will run from Thursday 21st November to Friday 28th November
- Year 9 & 10 Exams will run from Monday 24th November to Friday 28th November

Whole School Wellbeing

Supporting your child through VCE exams

As VCE exams approach, it's important for parents and carers to actively support their child's wellbeing and study habits. A thoughtful article from Strength Psychology offers practical strategies to help your child manage stress, stay motivated, and develop effective study routines. We highly encourage you to read this insightful piece to better understand how you can partner with your child during this important time. Check it out via this link <https://www.strengthpsychology.org/blog/studywithoutstress>

From the Year Level Leader Team

Online Safety and VPN Use

- We have become aware of an increasing number of students attempting to bypass the school's Acceptable Use Policy for IT by installing VPNs on their devices. This allows them to access unapproved websites and applications, including online chat platforms such as OmeTV and Omegle.
- These platforms enable students to video chat with strangers in unmoderated environments that frequently contain sexually explicit content. They also place young people at significant risk of online grooming and exploitation.
- We ask all parents and carers to please be vigilant in monitoring your child's device use at home and to speak with them about the serious risks associated with these platforms. The school will continue to monitor and enforce our Acceptable Use Policy to ensure a safe online environment for all students.
- For more information please refer to the Compass newsfeed

Positive behaviours

In the last three weeks of term staff will be increasing their focus on acknowledging positive student behaviour. There will be a rewards lunch for students in Year 7 in the last week of term, with students who

receive multiple green entries (and no reds / high attendance) will be invited to attend. Please continue to monitor positive behaviours via Compass.

Other important information / reminders

Year 12 VTAC Applications

VTAC stands for The Victorian Tertiary Admissions Centre and is the shared admissions service that facilitates access to tertiary education and further study opportunities in Victoria. VTAC receive and process applications for admission into Victorian universities, TAFEs and private colleges. VTAC also calculates the ATAR, and supports students with equity schemes and scholarships.

Applications by students are currently underway and a fee payment of \$80 is due by Friday 28th August to allow students to enter courses and preferences.

VTAC has compiled the [VTAC Parents & Caregivers Guide](https://vtac.edu.au/guides/caregivers-guide) to help you in your supporting role.
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