# **Cobram Secondary College**

# COBRAM

# **Parent/Carer Newsletter**

Term 1 Week 2 2025

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

## From the Principal:

What a great week from the students! Despite the heat, most students settled back into routine quickly.

We welcomed 15 new staff to the school.

I will be away from the school for three weeks from 11th February, representing the Department of Education on an international recruitment delegation. Our purpose is to recruit teachers from Wales and Ireland to Victorian schools (including CSC!). While I'm away, Dianne Ferguson is the Acting Principal.

## **Upcoming events / key dates**

- 10th February Class of 2024
  Graduation Ceremony
- 17th 21st February Year 9
  Morrisby Interviews
- 21st February Swimming Carnival
- 25th February Year 7 Band
  Information Evening 7pm in W6

# Whole School Wellbeing

Mentor groups are returning, starting Tuesday morning next week. These groups form part of a whole school approach to wellbeing. Every student is allocated a group which is led by a staff member who provides mentorship, advocacy and support to your child. These relationships are the groundwork for ensuring all students feel that they are safe, belong, and listened to across the college, and act as an early intervention/ prevention strategy for students who may need extra support.

The college wellbeing team is in a period of change and transition. We are in the process of managing leave, departures and hiring new staff and are re-building our allied health team and its approach to embed wellbeing into all school activities and programs. This is exciting, but please be patient with us as we navigate a period with fewer supports available.

#### From the Year Level Leader Team

#### **BRAIN FOOD BOOST**

During Term 1, **Year 7 students** are encouraged to snack on fruit or veggies in the first 15 minutes of period 2 (10.25-10.40). We are hoping this snack will help students maintain energy and focus levels though the long morning session before the recess break. Students are expected to continue to engage in the lesson while they snack.

#### SUB-SCHOOL TEAM KEY CONTACTS

There have been a number of key changes in the sub-school teams, with a range of new staff and new roles. Please refer to the information below:

- Year 11/12 Team Year Level Leader: Michelle Anderson VCE Wellbeing & Programs Leader: Emily Gough VCE Administration: Emma McCracken
- Year 9/10 Team Team Leader: Adam Hughes Year Level Leader: Shaz McKenzie Year 9/10 Wellbeing & Programs Leader: Role still to be filled
- Year 7/8 Team Team Leader: Rae Wood Year Level Leader: Sonya Zito Year 7/8 Wellbeing & Programs Leader: Role still to be filled

The Year Level Leader in each team is the primary contact person for students and parents.

#### **UNIFORM**

It is important that all students adhere to the uniform policy. Parents/carers are asked to support the uniform policy by ensuring students are in full school uniform each morning. Students who present to school out of uniform will be provided a replacement item of clothing that complies with the uniform policy. On occasions, a uniform pass may be issued for 1 or 2 days until the correct uniform item can be sourced. Please refer to the poster via this link for detailed information and images of approved uniform items.

#### POSITIVE BEHAVIOURS

It has been a fantastic start to the year for students across all years levels, with a huge amount of green entries being logged. In 2025, we will be celebrating positive behaviour with a range of rewards days, events and privileges. Students with high rates of attendance, high numbers of positive green entries and no/low red entries may be eligible for rewards and celebrations. You can track attendance, green (and red) entries easily via the student profile page on your student's Compass. More information on rewards will be published throughout the term.

#### **Careers**

#### **Cobram SC Careers website**

Cobram SC's Careers website aims to provide you with all the latest information that will help you make decisions about your future career and your life beyond school.

You can use this site as a 'one stop shop' to locate University, TAFE and any other type of course across Australia, get information about the VCE, search for pathway information, and much more. Feel free to drop into the Careers office and see Maria if you have any questions. To access the Cobram SC Career Website site, please use this link.

#### Other important information / reminders

# **HOMEWORK CLUB**

In an effort to support our students, the maths and science team are volunteering their time to run a homework club. This will be open to all students wishing to access a quiet and safe environment to study after school. The homework club will run on Monday afternoons in the LRC from 3:30pm to 4:30pm, and Tuesday lunchtimes in the LRC, and will be primarily facilitated by Ms Sergent and Mr Allen. Any cancellations of the homework club will be communicated via Compass.

# **CLASS OF 2024 GRADUATION CEREMONY**

On Monday 10th February, the General Office will be closed from 9:30 - 10:30 am so all staff can attend the Graduation Ceremony. Graduating students should arrive at the hall at 8:30am to be gowned up for official photos. The ceremony starts promptly at 9:30 am.

#### **SWIMMING CARNIVAL**

Our Swimming Carnival is on Friday 21st February. **ALL students are expected to attend.** Students can purchase food and drink from the Year 12 stall, or can bring their own lunch. Students are encouraged to dress in their house colours.

#### TOWN BUS FARE INCREASE

Daily Tickets Term tickets

One way: \$1.50 One way: \$73.15 Return: \$3.00 Return: \$146.15

Weekly: \$15.00

#### **LUNCH ORDERS**

Please see the instructions for lunch orders, supplied by Border Bridge Cafe - Barooga via this link

#### CAMPS AND EXCURSION

Families holding a valid, means-tested concession card, or any temporary foster parents, are eligible to apply for funding to support attendance at camps, sporting activities, excursions and incursions where there is a fee. More information can be found <a href="here">here</a>. A Special Consideration category also exists. You can apply at any time across Term One and Two, and list multiple students in the one application if they both attend CSC. To apply for funding please see the application form <a href="here">via this link</a>.

#### **SCHOOL PHOTOS**

#### **Ordering**

- Order Forms Electronic copy via this link
- Online Payments An online order code is located on each student's envelope / flyer www.theschoolphotographer.com.au
- **Sibling Photos** Order Form <u>via this link</u> or hardcopy available from the General Office.

ALL STUDENT PHOTO ENQUIRIES – contact The School Photographer: Email

enquiries@theschoolphotographer.com.au or call: 02 9674 9824

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