

Cobram Secondary College

Parent/Carer Bulletin



Term 1 Week 4 2026

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

From the Principal:

Cobram Secondary College has made a strong and positive start to the year, with students settling quickly into routines, reconnecting with peers and staff, and engaging confidently in their learning. Classrooms are calm and purposeful, our co-curricular programs are thriving, and there is a renewed sense of optimism across the school.

Importantly, the \$75,000 Bushfire Recovery Funding allocated by the Victorian Department of Education has enabled us to further strengthen the wellbeing foundations that underpin this success. We have:

- Expanded our daily provision of Breakfast and lunch to ensure every student is ready to learn.
- Increased mental health supports by employing a provisional psychologist two days per week
- Expanding our Director of Wellbeing role to full-time,
- Created a range of lunchtime clubs and activities for our students.
- Introduce arts therapy and other allied health-led programs.

Upcoming events / key dates

Monday 23rd February	Whole school assembly
Tuesday 24th February	Band information evening 7pm in W6
Friday 27th February	GMD Swimming
Monday 2nd March	Year 9 Students Morrisby Profiling
Tuesday 3rd March	Year 9 Students Morrisby Profiling School photos (catch up)
Wednesday 4th March	Year 9 Students Morrisby Profiling
Thursday 5th March	Year 9 Students Morrisby Profiling
Friday 6th March	Year 9 Students Morrisby Profiling Senior Summer Sports (no 9-12 classes running to enable students to participate in sports)

Teaching and Learning

SUBJECT CHANGES

Subject changes from students in Year 9-12 are now closed for Semester 1.

INTERVENTIONS

Selected students in Year 7&8 have now commenced literacy and numeracy intervention programs. The interventions run for two periods per week and play an important role in building the students literacy and numeracy skills. To further support these students Education Support staff have been assigned to support students in the timetabled Maths and English classes. If you have any questions about these interventions please reach out to Year 7&8 Team Leader Chelsea McDonald

ACADEMIC PROCESSES

A wide range of adjustments and supports are available to support students needing a little extra help in any of the subjects (refer to the list below). If you believe your student would benefit from any of these please reach out to the relevant Sub-School team Leader.

- Individuals Education Plans (IEPs)
- Exemption from Common Assessment Tasks (CATs) in selected subjects or topics
- Provision of Modified Assessment Tasks (MATs) in selected subjects or topics, or for all subjects
- Modified timetables
- Inclusion on intervention programs
- Application for Disability Inclusion (DI) funding and supports

Whole School Wellbeing

ATTENDANCE

Our Sub-School staff are available to support students and families with reengaging with learning or increasing school attendance rate. Staff will be reaching out to families to support when a student's attendance rate drops below 80%.

ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

We adopt a 'whole school approach to wellbeing' at CSC and to embody this, staff from across our school facilitate daily wellbeing programs accessible to all students. A calendar for these activities has been posted to all parents/ carers and student compass profiles. Please read through and see what's available to your child

HEALTH PROMOTION

In week 5 we welcome Katrina to our team. Katrina is a 'Secondary School Nurse' (SSN) whose role is to support our school community in positive health promotion. Katrina will work across Year 7 - 12 and be with us Tuesdays & Fridays

STUDENT LEADERSHIP

Students across the college have been offered an opportunity to apply for student leadership in 2026. Information is accessible via student compass profiles Year 7 -12. The opportunity for students exists to form part of subschool improvement teams to monitor, plan and support increased connectedness, engagement and belonging across the school. Please encourage your child to apply if they have leadership aspirations

Please note for year 11 & 12, this is **in addition to existing leadership roles*

Assessment & Reporting Changes for 2026

Just a reminder that at the end of Week 6 we will be entering our assessment and reporting period.

By this time, your child will have received at least one assessed learning task from each of their subjects. Each task will include:

- Written feedback outlining areas of success and areas for improvement
- A Work Habits rating, based on our school's [Work Habits Matrix](#)

These can be viewed through Compass.

If you are unsure how to access or view this information on Compass, please feel free to contact the school on **03 5871 1700** and our IT team will be happy to assist you.

NAPLAN 2026

NAPLAN testing will take place at **Cobram Secondary College** from **Wednesday 11 March to Monday 16 March 2026**. Catch-up tests will run from **Tuesday 17 March to Friday 20 March 2026** for students who are absent during the main testing period.

As NAPLAN is completed online and we have a large number of Year 7 and Year 9 students, students will be required to use their own laptops during the testing period. The NAPLAN software will be installed on student devices prior to testing.

Please ensure your child brings their laptop to school fully charged each day during the testing period.

Students who access a device through the school borrowing system will be provided with a school laptop for NAPLAN.

Further information about NAPLAN, including details about the withdrawal process, was shared in a Compass News Feed post last week. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs Jane Hutchinson on jane.hutchinson@education.vic.gov.au.

Other important information / reminders

COMPASS

Some parents/carers are experiencing some technical issues with the Compass App. The most likely fix is to delete and reinstall the app, with this appearing to fix the issue in most cases. If you are having issues related to Compass please attempt this fix, if the issues persist please contact the general office for support.

LUNCH PASSES

Students who live within walking distance from school are able to apply to be provided with a 'lunch pass' to go home for lunch. Once issued a lunch pass students can sign out at student reception and head home for lunch, ensuring that they are back in time for their period five class. Lunch passes are only to go home, students are not permitted to travel to other students houses, down the street or to take-away food venues. The form to apply for a lunch pass is available via the student reception.

UNIFORM

We are calling for donations of and second hand uniform items that families no longer have a use for. Students are expected to be in full school uniform each day. To ensure this occurs students who are out of uniform are provided a replacement uniform item to wear (for the day or to keep). Please note - a note from parents does not exempt a student from this process. If you need support in getting the correct uniform items please reach out to the relevant Sub-School team.

MORRISBY CAREERS PROGRAM

The Morrisby Careers Program for Year 9s commences during Week 6 with students completing an online career profiling session. Students are then provided the opportunity to meet with a careers professional from Morrisby during week 9 where the results of the online component will be discussed, providing students insights into potential future career pathways. An event has been created for parents to see more information and provide consent for the profiling sessions, an additional event will be published during week 7 seeking parent consent for students to complete the Morrisby Interviews in week 9.

SCHOOL COUNCIL

Nominations will soon open for parents who are interested in joining our School Council. The School Council plays an important role in supporting school initiatives, strengthening home/school partnerships, and providing a valuable parent voice in decision-making. We encourage all parents and guardians to consider this rewarding opportunity to become more involved in our school community. Additional details regarding the nomination process and important dates [via this link](#)

Notice of election and call for nominations [via this link](#)

Self-nomination form for parent member category [via this link](#)

Self-nomination form for student member category [via this link](#)

We look forward to your participation and partnership

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