

# COBRAM SECONDARY COLLEGE NEWSLETTER

June | 2023

## Principal's Report

What a term it's been! The school has just had a review, these are the points made by our panel members. CSC has :

- Strong culture, innovative programs, buy in from staff,
- engaged students who want to be here and do well,
- strong consistent processes
- reputation of being a high performing and engaged school within the community.
- strong teaching culture centred on students
- strength in providing significant person for each student
- definite recognition from student that "being smart" is valued
- Strong focus on developing teacher confidence / mentoring
- communication
- prepared to try new things – eg applied learning
- principal update – strong staff awareness
- strong wellbeing
- strong culture
- extensive support for identified cohorts
- community links
- Strong wellbeing structures and practices for students and staff
- pockets of strong instructional practices – use of data to inform teaching

### and from me...

Cobram Secondary College has become the school of choice for the Cobram Community. With a growing enrolment and a range of programs catering to the needs of all kinds of minds, CSC has faced the challenges of the past four years head on. CSC has created a positive and outward-facing school deeply embedded within the local community. Our community links have improved over the years with students taking on leadership, volunteer and paid roles and the community organisations and businesses supporting students with learning and "on the job" opportunities.

We believe;

- Every student Matters;
- Every Opportunity is taken;
- Every Staff member Cares and
- Every Student Succeeds



Sophia receives her certificate after completing her course at Cobram Regional Care, 'every opportunity taken'



Cobram Secondary College 'Pedal Empowerment Program' winning the MOIRA ACE STAR ACHIEVER AWARD 2023.



**Every student matters** - our small environment and class sizes allow for staff to get to know their students. Our structure allows for all students to access assistance and support when required.

**Every Staff member cares** - our team of staff know each student. Every week ALL staff participate in mentor groups - meeting with groups of 4-10 students to discuss life / careers / hopes and dreams / play games and sport. This means that each week, each student is able to have a discussion with an adult who cares about them.

**Every Opportunity taken** - our students are able to take advantage of many opportunities both inside and outside the classroom- from Leadership, Sports, the arts and music, high abilities, lunchtime clubs and much more.

**Every student succeeds**- we believe in helping our students chase their dreams - whether this is a university pathway or an apprenticeship or traineeship. It's our hope that our students are contributing members of their community - wherever they end up.

We've created a positive school culture and calm and focused learning environment. We have focused on growing the teacher workforce of tomorrow with a partnership with Teach for Australia and Latrobe University's NEXUS program seeing up to 5 teachers per year completing their degrees whilst getting "on the job" training at Cobram Secondary College. The model has worked so well that we have a graduate from the TFA being nominated for the 2023 Rising Star of the Year award in the Australian Education Awards and TFA using Cobram Secondary's as the "gold standard" model of inducting and mentoring. Young teachers are attracted to our school because of the support and mentoring they receive, and in turn are dedicated and energetic teachers for our students.

Every day our college has a feel of positivity and optimism.



Kail, Taylor and Adithi taking every opportunity, to reach their goal working in the science field. All three students have been accepted to attend the youth ANZAAS residential international forum for science, in Melbourne during the school holidays.

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# ANZAC CEREMONY

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## 2023 ANZAC CEREMONY

It was an incredibly moving and powerful service. Everyone involved should be proud of their participation and how they remembered our heroes





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# TASTER DAYS

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## **GRADE 6 STUDENTS HAVE A TASTE OF WHAT CSC HAS TO OFFER**

Recently, over 130 students spent a couple of days at Cobram Secondary College, experiencing some of the subjects offered. Design and technology, Foods, Music, Agriculture classes were some of the subjects that were on offer as part of their timetable.

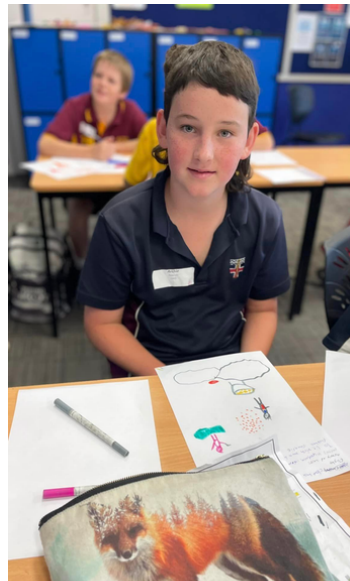




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# TASTER DAYS

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# JOB CAMP

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## VM JOB CAMP

The VM students completed 2 Job Camps with the final assessments for Job Camp Construction with Use elevated work platforms – Scissor Lift practical occurring yesterday.

Job Camp Construction saw students completing White Card, Control Traffic Stop Slow Bat, Control Traffic Portable Traffic control devices and signs, Communicate in the Workplace – construction

Hospitality including Food Handlers, Café Service, Responsible Service of Alcohol, Preparation of Mocktails, Participate in Safe Work Practices Hospitality and Source and Present Information and First Aid.

These certificates allow students to access many jobs and also make them valuable members of our broader community being able to volunteer many of our local service clubs and sport groups with valuable knowledge.





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# WHAT'S NEW AT CSC

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## Indigenous mural

Work has commenced on the CSC Bush Tucker Garden, meeting space and we are very excited to see the mural under development. [Deadly Art Numurkah](#) have been working on the design with our indigenous students. Can't wait to see the completed mural.





# WINTER SPORTS



## MERIAM THROUGH TO STATE FINALS

Congratulations to Meriam, she has made it through to SSV State Finals in cross country. Well done Meriam!





# STUDENTS GRADUATE



## GRADUATING THE 'HEALTH, DISABILITY & AGED CARE' SKILLED PATHWAY PROGRAM'

Students graduated 'Health, disability & Aged care' skilled pathway program at Cobram Regional care. We would like to thank Partners In Training Australia - RTO Code 21837 , Industry training hub and of course Cobram Regional Care for facilitating the program.



## CONGRATULATIONS TIERNAN

We are so proud to announce, that Tiernan has been offered a full-time



# CAREERS EXPO



## CAREERS DAY OUT 2023

Year 10 students from CSC attended the Careers Day Out in Shepparton yesterday. Students had the opportunity to gather information on a range of careers, further education and employment options. The event, hosted by Goulburn Murray LLEN gave students access to a range of displays, presentations, interactive activities and information about courses and pathways within the region and beyond.





# CSC STUDENTS HELPING THEIR COMMUNITY & THE ENVIRONMENT



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Congratulations to the students that planted trees in the Strathmerton community. The students showed great dedication to complete the task of working with Landcare and the Strathmerton steering committee, planting trees along the new walkway. Not only did they contribute towards making the area more aesthetically pleasing but also improved the environment, by replenishing trees creating new habitats for wildlife. Well done team!





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# YEAR 12 FUNDRAISING FOR THEIR VALEDICTORY

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## YEAR 12'S PAJAMA DAY

What a great day to have their pajama day, on such a cold wet gloomy day. They were all snug as a bug in their oddies and dressing gowns. This was another fundraising day for their valedictory at the end of the year.



## \*\* YEAR 12 DRESS UP DAY \*\*\*

The year 12's had a dress up fundraising day. The theme was, 'rhyme without reason' e.g aviator and gladiator.... The money they raised will go towards their valedictory at the end of the year.



## YR 12's BAKE SALE

Despite the miserable weather, the year 12's sold out of their delicious cakes and cookies.

Well done Year 12's, baking delicious cupcakes and cookies.





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# PAT CRONIN FOUNDATION

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## PAT CRONIN FOUNDATION PRESENTATION

Peter Eames from the [Pat Cronin Foundation](http://www.patcroninfoundation.org.au) presented to the Year 10 students. He told them Pat's story, how a social night after his football match took a turn for the worse. The aim of the presentation, was to empower youth to handle conflict, look after their mates and make wise decisions - so we can end the coward punch, together.



**PAT CRONIN  
FOUNDATION**

## Talks to Yr. 10



**BE WISE**



**THINK  
CAREFULLY**



**ACT KINDLY**



**PAT CRONIN  
FOUNDATION**

**Let's end the Coward Punch**

[WWW.PATCRONINFOUNDATION.ORG.AU](http://WWW.PATCRONINFOUNDATION.ORG.AU)

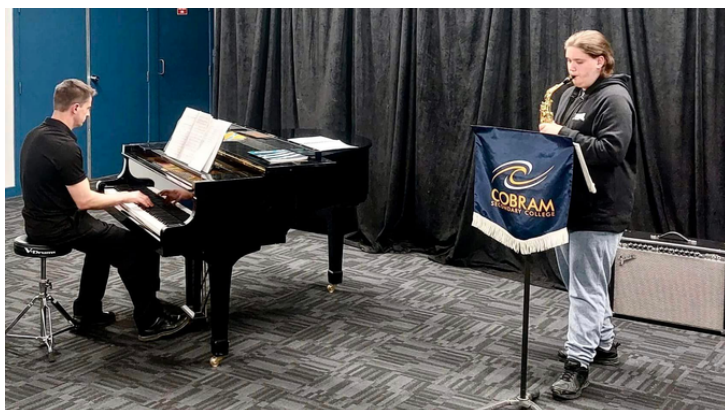


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# CSC SOLO PERFORMANCE EVENING

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What a wonderful evening, our students showcasing their talents.





# School Canteen



This term, Mrs Tempest, school Principal and Mrs Ferguson, Assistant Principal, have been serving up free spaghetti and toast and soup at lunchtime, a great way to keep warm. The 'soup kitchen' will continue next term alongside our new lunch ordering system, supplied by Sweetness Cafe, Barooga, using 'my school connect' to set up an account to order. Orders must be placed before 8:30am the day they require the lunch.



**STEP 1.**



**Visit My School Connect**  
Visit <https://myschoolconnect.com.au/> and Join Today.  
You'll receive an email with an activation link - click on the link to activate your account.

**STEP 2.**



**Setup a child**  
Upon first login, setup your child/children.

**STEP 3.**



**Enter student details**  
Don't forget to add in all essential fields; name, school, class and any allergy information.

**STEP 4.**



**Allow your child to order for themselves**  
Setting 'yes' here will allow your child to login online and order.

**PRO-TIP!**

This is a great way to teach your child to manage their spending and choose healthy food. Remember to always supervise.

**STEP 5.**



**Set a daily spend limit**  
You can either enter a '\$dollar amount' or select 'unlimited'. The daily spend will only apply to your child's account.

**STEP 7.**



**Add funds to your account**  
Visit the 'Top up and financial history' section to add funds into your account by following the following steps:

**Top up**

- Select payment type:  
Bank Account or Credit Card
- Select a \$dollar amount
- Enter payment details

**Auto top up**

- Select payment type:  
Bank Account or Credit Card
- Add top up parameters;  
minimum balance & auto top up amount



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# Child safety and wellbeing at CSC: information for families & the school community

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The Victorian Government has announced new [Child Safe Standards](#) to further strengthen child safety across organisations, including schools. The new standards recognise the critical importance of families and the broader school community in maintaining and promoting child safety and wellbeing.

Cobram Secondary College has reviewed and updated our child safety policies and procedures to ensure they meet the requirements of the new standards. These are available to view on the [School Documents](#) website page, under School Policies.

We are committed to continuous improvement in our approach to child safety and wellbeing and welcome feedback from families and members of our school community on ways we can further strengthen our child safety policies, procedures and practices.

If you have any suggestions, comments or questions about Child Safety at Cobram Secondary College, please contact the school office on 03 58711700..



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# PRIVACY POLICY

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## COLLECTION STATEMENT

### AT COBRAM SECONDARY COLLEGE

*The school of choice for the Cobram Community*

#### ENROLMENT PRIVACY COLLECTION STATEMENT

##### Privacy information for parents and carers

During the ordinary course of your child's attendance at our school, school staff will collect your child's personal and health information when necessary to educate your child, or to support your child's social and emotional wellbeing or health. Such information will also be collected when required to fulfil a legal obligation, including duty of care, anti-discrimination law and occupational health and safety law. If that information is not collected, the school may be unable to provide optimal education or support to your child, or fulfil those legal obligations.

For example, health information may be collected through the school nurse, primary welfare officer or wellbeing staff member. If your child is referred to a specific health service at school, such as a Student Support Service officer, or school-engaged psychologist, the required consent will be obtained.

Our school may use online tools, such as apps and other software, to effectively collect and manage information about your child for teaching and learning purposes, parent communication and engagement; student administration; and school management purposes. When our school uses these online tools, we takes steps to ensure that your child's information is secure. If you have any concerns about the use of these online tools, please contact us.

School staff will only share your child's personal or health information with other staff who need to know to enable the school to educate or support your child, or fulfil a legal obligation.

When our students transfer to another Victorian government school, personal and health information about that student will be transferred to that next school. Transferring this information is in the best interests of our students and assists that next school to provide optimal education and support to students.

In some limited circumstances, information may be disclosed outside of the school (and outside of the Department of Education and Training). The school will seek your consent for such disclosures unless the disclosure allowed or mandated by law.

Our school values the privacy of every person. When collecting and managing personal and health information, all school staff must comply with Victorian privacy law. For more information about privacy including about how to access personal and health information held by the school about you or your child, see our school's privacy policy: <https://www.education.vic.gov.au/Pages/schoolsprivacypolicy.aspx>

Throughout this notice, 'staff' includes principals, teachers, Student Support Service officers, youth workers, social workers, nurses and any other allied health practitioners and all other staff at our school. This includes employees, agents and service providers (contractors) of the Department, whether paid or unpaid.



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# CSC STAFF DOING GREAT THINGS

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**Mr. Jones has been officiating at Swimming Australia World Championship Trials in Melbourne all week. What an opportunity and an honour!**



MR. ALLEN ANNOUNCED AS AN EXCELLENCE AWARDEE BY THE AUSTRALIAN EDUCATION AWARDS 2023

We are thrilled to announce that Mr. Allen has been nominated as 'The Rising Star of the Year' by the Australian Awards 2023 and has moved on to the final stage - Excellence Awardee. The awards night will be held in Sydney on 11th August.

Since Mr. Allen arrived at Cobram Secondary College three years ago, he has brought a positive energy to the college and has joined and helped many community groups in Cobram. He has always the interests of the students at the forefront, ensuring they receive every opportunity to reach their goals.



Mrs. KIM FORGE, COMPETING IN THE AUSTRALIAN SENIOR WOMEN'S TEAM AT THE WORLD CURLING CHAMPIONSHIPS IN KOREA, WELL DONE TO THE TEAM

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# IN THE COMMUNITY

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## PEDAL PROGRAM



The Pedal Program allows students to work in teams to restore/repair bikes.

If you have a bike that you would like to donate to the program, please contact the General Office on 0358711700.

The students will complete all the necessary tune up requirements then donate to the op-shop.



**WE NEED BIKES**

**COBRAM SECONDARY COLLEGE**

*Notice*

As of next week, grey dress pants and shorts can be purchased through:

Worklocker Cobram  
8 Main Street  
Cobram, 3644 VIC  
(03) 5872 1221





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# IN THE COMMUNITY

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COBRAM LIONS CLUB

ART SHOW

FIRST PRIZE \$250



18-19 August 2023

Old St Joseph's Hall

Cnr Broadway and Williams St Cobram

TWO DIVISIONS:

10-14 YEARS

OPEN 15+

Entries Close 11 AUGUST 2023

Phone Cobram Lions on 0459 340 109 for  
Details and Topics