

Cobram Secondary College

Parent/Carer Newsletter



Term 3 Week 2 2025

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

From the Principal:

We have had a busy start to Term 3, combating staff and student illness. The athletics day was a fun day for all students who attended. Course counselling and planning for 2026 is about to commence and the Year 12 students begin the countdown to the end of their secondary schooling.

Upcoming events / key dates

- 11th August - Whole school assembly
- 12th August - Yr. 8 & 11 Subject selection - **Yr. 9 & 10 stay at home**
- 13th August - Yr. 9 Subject selection
- 14th August - Yr. 10 Subject selection - **Yr. 8 stay at home**
- **15th August - Pupil Free Day (General Office Closed)**
- 15th August Senior school Midwinter Ball

Teaching and Learning

NAPLAN RESULTS

Congratulations to all our students who participated in NAPLAN. There is a lot to celebrate in our NAPLAN results.

Year 7's

Reading 54% of our students are in Exceeding or Strong and 7 students have demonstrated High Growth
Writing 45% of our students are in Exceeding or Strong and 15 students have demonstrated High Growth
Spelling 59% of our students are in Exceeding or Strong and 10 students have demonstrated High Growth
Numeracy 57% of our students are in Exceeding or Strong and 10 students have demonstrated High Growth
Grammar & Punctuation 55% of our students are in Exceeding or Strong and 6 students have demonstrated High Growth

Year 9 's

Reading 49% of our students are in Exceeding or Strong and 7 students have demonstrated High Growth
Writing 43% of our students are in Exceeding or Strong and 10 students have demonstrated High Growth
Spelling 69% of our students are in Exceeding or Strong and 8 students have demonstrated High Growth
Numeracy 60% of our students are in Exceeding or Strong and 7 students have demonstrated High Growth

PISA Assessment

Twenty-six of our students have been randomly selected to participate in the 2025 PISA Assessment (Programme for International Student Assessment), conducted by the Australian Council for Educational Research (ACER) on behalf of the OECD. This is a valuable opportunity for your child to contribute to an international study that helps improve educational outcomes both in Australia and globally. The assessment gathers information on how students apply their knowledge and skills in reading, mathematics, science, and problem-solving in real-world contexts. Information has been emailed and mailed to the families of the students who have been selected.

Details of the Assessment Day:



Date: Wednesday 6th August



Time: 9.00am – 1.00pm



Location: LRC 1 & 2

Please ensure that you fill out the google form in relation to lunch orders by Monday 4th August

Message from the Maths Team

The Maths Team would like to thank all of the families that have been encouraging their child to complete their weekly homework sheet. These sheets are designed to build our students' foundation skills, review past topics and new skills and also get students into a habit of completing homework which will benefit them in senior school. Students who have been completing their homework, classwork and revising for tests are more likely to demonstrate high growth in Math.

Year 7 & 8 have a weekly homework sheet

Year 9 & 10 have either set exercises out of the textbook or a weekly homework sheet



Careers

Digital work placement forms

Work experience and structured workplace learning are important parts of our career education program at Cobram SC. They help students to explore potential jobs, develop employability skills, understand workplace expectations, make informed education, and career choices. We are excited to be introducing **digital forms** for work placements. They replace the paper forms we've used previously and simplify the process for everyone. A digital form will be created via email when a work placement has been organised for your child. You and your child can fill out and sign these forms online at your convenience, from a mobile phone or computer, saving you time. A link to access these forms will be sent to you and your child's school **EMAIL** address as recorded on compass. These digital forms are securely stored and handled in compliance with records management policies and Victorian privacy laws. A quick reference guide has been attached to explain the new process. Work experience week in Semester 2 will be held on **18th – 22nd August** and **27th – 31st October** for interested students in year 9-10 who have organised a placement and submitted the required forms. If you have any further questions, please contact Maria Hart at Cobram SC. Parent and carer work experience /structured work placement reference guide via this [link](#) and work-based learning application, information sheet via this [link](#).

Course Counselling

Course counselling for students in Years 8-11 will take place Week 4. Parents/Carers should receive an email from their child's course counsellor inviting them to participate in the allocated session between 21/07-25/07. Students will be provided with their allocated time slots and come out of their class to attend the course counselling session. A Compass notification will let parents/carers know when the Subject Selection website is published for them to view.

	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11	Year 12
Monday 11/08	Classes as normal 	Classes as normal	Classes as normal	Classes as normal	Classes as normal	Classes as normal 
Tuesday 12/08		Classes as normal Course Counselling	Study at home	Study at home	Classes as normal Course Counselling	
Wednesday 13/08		Classes as normal	Classes as normal Course Counselling	Classes as normal	Classes as normal	
Thursday 14/08		Study at home	Classes as normal	Classes as normal Course Counselling	Classes as normal	
Friday 15/08	Pupil free for all students 7-12					

Whole School Wellbeing

TAKING CARE OF ME

The Taking Care of Me program will be running for all students in Years 9&10 on Wednesday the 20th August. Students will attend a session for one double-period and the session will cover the following topics: Healthy Relationships, Consent, The Law, Sexually Transmitted Infections, Contraception and Safe Sex Practices. Parents will receive more information about this program via email in the coming weeks.

EXPECT RESPECT

The Expect Respect program is running each Thursday during Term 3 for groups of girls in Years 9&10. Expect Respect is designed to identify and challenge both helpful and unhelpful narratives that impact the well-being of young women in society. It aims to raise awareness of personal safety and gender-based violence, through effective communication, healthy boundaries and respectful relationships.

The program offers concrete strategies to maintain physical, mental and emotional wellbeing. It fosters self-confidence, and encourages positive goal-setting. It will be delivered through interactive conversations, presentations, and physical activities to engage the students and help them embody the concepts explored.

From the Year Level Leader Team

POSITIVE START TO SEMESTER 2

Students have made a positive start to their Semester 2 classes across Years 7-12, demonstrating positive behaviours and high levels of engagement. Where appropriate, staff are acknowledging these positive behaviours verbally with students and recording a green entry on Compass. Parents are encouraged to regularly check Compass to monitor and celebrate their child's positive behaviours through discussion and acknowledgment.

CONTACTING STAFF VIA COMPASS

Please note parents/carers can email any member of the school staff via Compass, including sub-school staff, Education Support staff and school leaders. To access this function in Compass, click on the 'send email to xxxxx's teachers' link then use the 'remove all' and 'add recipients' buttons to choose the required staff.

[Cobram SC Key Staff Contacts](#)

[How to email staff via Compass](#)

Other important information / reminders

2026 YEAR 7 ENROLMENT BOOKS DUE

Any students that have siblings coming next year into Year 7, the enrolment books are due now. Please drop them off at the General Office.

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