

# Cobram Secondary College

## Parent/Carer Bulletin



Term 1 Week 1 2026

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

### From the Principal:

#### Our Return to School and Student Wellbeing

As we return to school following the holidays, we are mindful that the recent bushfire has affected members of our community in different ways. While some families have experienced direct loss or disruption, many students may also be carrying the emotional impact of fear, uncertainty, or ongoing concern for loved ones, homes, and livelihoods.

At Cobram Secondary College, the wellbeing of our students remains our highest priority. In the coming days and weeks, staff will be taking a calm, supportive, and flexible approach as students settle back into routines. We understand that reactions to events like this can vary — some students may want to talk, others may need extra reassurance, and some may simply need time and space.

Our wellbeing team and staff are available to support students who may be feeling unsettled, anxious, or overwhelmed. We encourage students to speak with a trusted teacher, wellbeing staff member, or mentor if they need support. We will continue to monitor student wellbeing closely and respond with care and compassion.

We also want to acknowledge the strength and resilience shown by our students and families. Returning to school can provide an important sense of normality and connection, and we are committed to ensuring that our school remains a safe, supportive, and understanding environment for all.

Thank you for your continued partnership and trust as we support our young people together. **If your children have been directly impacted by the fires/evacuation and require support please contact the school on 58711700.**

### Upcoming events / key dates

<b>Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> January</b>	General Office opens (9am-3.30pm) IT open (9am-3.00pm)
<b>Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> January</b>	Year 7 students return
<b>Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> January</b>	Year 7 students VCE students return
<b>Friday 30<sup>th</sup> January</b>	Year 7 & 12 students VCE VM students return Year 7 PAT M testing Year 12 student Focus Day
<b>Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> February</b>	All students at school Whole School Assembly House Assembly
<b>Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> February</b>	Swimming Carnival – all students attend. Students dressed in House Colours encouraged

## Teaching and Learning

### Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) information

Incoming Year 7 families are invited to drop off their students' device for setting up on Tuesday 27th January-Friday 30th January. The devices can be dropped off at the IT Office which is located in the General Office foyer. The devices should be labelled with the students name, Form group (EG: 7B), User name and password to enable the IT Tech to access your computer. Devices will be returned to students directly once they have been set up for school use.

## Careers

Students in Years 9 & 10 who have selected to undertake Work Experience on Wednesday should ensure they check with Mrs Marriott to have the required paperwork finalised.

## Whole School Wellbeing

In 2026, 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.

## Other important information / reminders

### LUNCH ORDERS

Please note that Lunch Orders will **not** be available week 1 (28th-30th Jan).

Please see the instructions for lunch orders, supplied by Border Bridge Cafe - Barooga [via this link](#)

### UNIFORM POLICY

At the start of December the School Council approved an updated uniform policy. There are no new uniform items, only some minor changes to the wording to ensure the policy is easier to adhere to. Please note, as part of the change the new policy explicitly states that track pants must be "Plain navy shell polyester track pants without decoration or logo (no cotton or fleece trackpants, no cuffed trackpants)"

### SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Our Swimming Carnival is on Tuesday 3rd 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.

### 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: Brooke Hill
- **Year 7/8 Team** - Team Leader: Chelsea McDonald - Year Level Leader: Sonya Zito - Year 7/8 Wellbeing & Programs Leader: Jules Wood & Chris Johnson

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

### PRIVACY POLICY

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