

Cobram Secondary College

Parent/Carer Newsletter



Term 4 Week 2 2025

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

From the Principal:

During Week 3 we begin to farewell our 2025 Year 12 students as their timetabled classes conclude and they celebrate their final day together. Many will soon be immersed in exam preparation, while others will be getting ready to begin work or travel. We wish all of our graduating students every success as they take this exciting next step in their lives. As our Year 12s finish their journey, attention turns to the busy end-of-year period for the rest of the school — with Year 9–11 exams, HeadStart, and Activities Week all fast approaching.

Upcoming events / key dates

Monday 20th October - VCE Music performance exams

Tuesday 21st October - Year 12 Celebration day

Monday 27th October - Start of work experience week

Tuesday 28th October - Start of VCE exams

Monday 3rd November - Pupil Free Day

Tuesday 4th November - Public Holiday - Melbourne Cup

Teaching and Learning

Semester 2 Exams: The Exam timetable is now available on Compass

- Year 11's Exams will run from Thursday 21st November to Friday 28th November
- Year 9 & 10 Exams will run from Monday 24th November to Friday 28th November
- Special Consideration for Exams is open. Students need to fill out the [special consideration form](#) and provide the required documentation. Forms are then handed in to Year Level Leader by Friday 7th November. Applications will then be looked at and students will be informed if their application has been approved
- Chart to show when students are required over the Exam Period

	Years 7&8	Year 9&10	Applied	Year 11	VET
Thursday 20/11	Classes as normal	Classes as normal	Classes as normal	Exams - students only attend for their exams	
Friday 21/11		Classes as normal	Classes as normal		
Monday 24/11		Exams - students only attend for their exams	Classes as normal	(VM Classes run as normal)	
Tuesday 25/11			Classes as normal		
Wednesday 26/11			Study at home		No VET classes
Thursday 27/11		Classes as normal			
Friday 28/11					

- **PAT Testing Semester 2**

- All students in Years 7–10 will complete PAT Testing for Reading and Maths this semester. These tests are extremely important as they help staff measure each student's growth over the past 12 months, understand their learning profile, and inform curriculum planning. Students have also discussed their previous PAT results with staff and identified strategies to help them improve their performance this year.

Junior and Middle School (Years 7-10)

Preparing Year 10s for VCE/VCE VM

During Term 4 students in Year 10 will not be placed in buddy classes as part of the classroom management process. This process aligns with the process for Year 11&12 students and helps students prepare for their future studies. If a student is unable to correct their behaviour after receiving a warning and being relocated in the classroom they will instead be expected to go home for the day.

Junior Summer Sports

It was fantastic to see over 90 Year 7&8 students out competing in the Junior Summer Sports events last Wednesday. The students represented the school in such a positive manner. Well done to all the students involved. The best results included the Year 7 boys cricket team (2nd) and the Year 8 boys tennis team (2nd).

Careers

The Future Doctors Australia program (information via this [link](#)) provides a unique, hands-on opportunity for students aged 14-18 who are passionate about a future in medicine. Over the course of 4 days, participants will engage in dynamic sessions led by experienced medical specialists, take part in practical learning activities, and gain valuable insights into the medical admissions process. This program is designed to inspire and equip students with the knowledge and skills they need to succeed on their path to a medical career.

City	Date	Availability
Perth (Innaloo)	9 - 12 April 2026	14 spots left
Sydney (Chatswood)	9 - 12 April 2026	16 spots left
Sydney (Chatswood)	16 - 19 April 2026	20 spots left
Brisbane (Taringa)	12-16 December 2025	1 spot left
Brisbane (Taringa)	18 - 21 December 2025	9 spots left
Melbourne (Docklands)	15 - 18 January 2026	12 spots left

Program details, fees and enrolment form via this [link](#)

Photo gallery of previous programs via this [link](#)

List of medical specialists & clinical staff guest speakers and presenters via this [link](#)

From the Year Level Leader Team

Class of 2025 – Celebration Day

Monday, 20th October marks the final day of formal classes for our Year 12 students – the Class of 2025. To commemorate this significant milestone, students will take part in their traditional *Celebration Day* on Tuesday, 21st October.

Festivities will include the much-anticipated Maze in C Wing, a special assembly where students will showcase their talents, and a chance to reflect on their time at school. The day will conclude with a celebratory luncheon attended by Year 12 students, their parents or caregivers, and staff.

As our Year 12s prepare for their next chapter—whether it be VCE exams and further study, or moving into full-time work—we extend our warmest congratulations and best wishes for their future success.

Well done, Class of 2025!

Other important information / reminders

Calculators

If your child needs a calculator for next year, instructions for how to purchase our recommended calculators for years 7 – 12 via this [link](#).

For years 7 – 10, you only need to purchase the TI-30X (Bundle 3) calculator. This is an investment that has all required functions to last them for the rest of their high school years.

For years 11 – 12, you need a TI-Nspire (Bundles 1 and 2) for VCE General Maths and VCE Maths Methods. You also need a scientific calculator (Bundle 3) for VCE General Maths, VCE Maths Methods, VCE Chemistry, VCE Physics, and VCE Environmental Science.

Please note that for 7 – 12 students, if your child already has a working scientific calculator, they do not need to purchase a new one.

If you have any questions, please reach out to your child's Maths teacher or Miss Sergeant. For all other required equipment for 2026, please refer to your booklist.

Sunsmart for Term4

It's been great to see so many students wearing hats in the yard during the first few weeks of Term. A reminder that broad brimmed hats are required at recess and lunchtimes for students to be out in the sun. Students without hats will need to be seated in the shaded areas. Hats can be purchased from Work Locker in Cobram.

Positive Classroom Management Strategies (PCMS)

Staff have commenced the explicit teaching of a range of classroom procedures as part of the PCMS program, with the aim to increase positive interactions and increase teaching and learning time. For every class students have been learning the required steps to complete the entry routine, end of class / exit routine and end of day routine. Over the coming weeks more classroom procedures will be included.

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