

COBRAM SECONDARY COLLEGE

NEWSLETTER

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Principal's Report

Welcome back to the year at Cobram Secondary

We have many new staff to introduce, new facilities and new programs. We have so many offerings for our students:

- New staff
- New students
- New programs – Applied learning at year 8, 9/10, Re-engagement
- VET programs – Sport and Recreation, Agriculture, Engineering, Volunteering, Vocational Education and pathways. We've also started a partnership with Barooga Sports club to offer VET Cookery, and a partnership with Cobram Regional Care to offer VET Community Service.

We have new facilities under development (or completed over the holidays):

- Our wellbeing and student services centre is under development,
- New courts – Basketball and netball
- Farm

We are here to ensure ALL students access a quality education & have options for post-school career pathways. (In whatever field they choose)



We believe:

EVERY STUDENT MATTERS

We have developed a range of programs to suit all individual needs – including a high ability program, year 8,9,10 applied learning, pedal program, music tuition free of charge, Boost and Maclit (reading intervention) and Quicksmart (numeracy intervention). We are also holding a short-term pilot program for disengaged students. We hold high expectations for our students – every student matters - means that students cannot jeopardise their peers' access learning with poor behaviour.

EVERY STAFF MEMBER CARES

Our staff commit 150%. We have a caring and supportive team environment where staff can rely on each other. We don't stick to our own jobs without caring for others – we pitch in. ALL of our staff are responsible for the educational outcomes of our students.

EVERY OPPORTUNITY TAKEN

We seek and take every opportunity for our students. Sometimes, our students need to be challenged out of their comfort zone and we do just that!

EVERY STUDENT SUCCEEDS

We want our students to have multiple options open to them when they leave school. We see apprenticeships and traineeships as successful as university entrance. We know that we can change the outcomes for our students and families for generations to come.

We alter destinies

2020 Graduates – 14 out of 27 students were the first in their families to go to university

2021 Graduates – 8/17 students were the first in their family to go to university, 2 VCAL students became "business owners" & started small beauty businesses, 4 gained traineeships and apprenticeships and a further 3 left before finishing VCAL to gain apprenticeships.

Many of the year 12 graduates in both years are the first in their families to complete year 12.

Principal's Report

In 5 years we've completely turned our school around, from the school with an (undeserved) poor reputation, where students would routinely "talk trash" about their school & where the Principal would attend community meetings to hear CSC described as having a drug problem and fights to our growing positive reputation today. Our reputation is overwhelmingly positive within the department of education, so much so that Dr David Howes, the Deputy Secretary for DET visited twice (this is an honour), our Regional Director visited (another honour) and the President of the Principal's Federation also visited. Our students now talk proudly about their school. In fact -they're our best advocates. One of our new teachers mentioned that in deciding which school she would like to teach at, she spoke to a number of teenagers about where they went to school and what it was like. On the bases of their comments, she chose Cobram Secondary!

In these times of chronic teacher shortages in Victoria and throughout Australia, we started the year with fully staffed – partly due to the reputation of the school.

Graduation Day - my favourite day of the year:

Firstly, for the graduates themselves - we celebrate our previous year's graduates' successes and entry into the workforce or further study. This is such a milestone in their lives, it's something that we worked hard to ensure our kids had options and opportunities. The transition from school to adult life is significant and worthy of celebration.

We come together as a school to celebrate also with the families of the graduates who are proud and excited...their young adult stepping into the world beyond school.

And to our current students, the graduation is an inspiration. I hope they look to their future when they see the graduates.

And for our community – we showcase who our kids are and what they can do.

People love to celebrate a "good news" story. We had the Deputy Secretary David Howes, and the Regional Director Karen Money in attendance – signalling the high esteem our school holds in the education department.

We're a small school with a mighty ROAR!



We are about to hold elections for school council. Please consider this opportunity – it's a small time commitment (meetings run for 1 hour, twice a term). Lookout for facebook and compass notifications calling for nominations during next week.

Kindest regards

Kimberley Tempest - Principal

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS OF STAFF



Mr. Nicholas Jackson

A recent graduate of Swinburne with a passion for enabling student engagement with the bigger world. With international volunteer experiences to Cambodia and India. His specialisation in English and Humanities (holding a Bachelor of Arts degree and planning on continued studies in the field of education) mean that a book is never far from him, but besides this he is a jack-of-all-trades, and loves gardening, creative writing, tennis, cricket, and theatre, to name just a few.



Mr. Jai Wilson

Jai came to us as a pre-service teacher and loved the place so much, he will be staying in 2023 and beyond! He completed studies in the areas of Criminology and Psychological Sciences and will finish his Master of Teaching in Feb 2023. He previously worked with social work organisations which has given him a strong passion for social justice and respectful relations education"



Miss Licia Sergent

Jcomes to Cobram Secondary College as a pre-service teacher completing the Teach for Australia program. She has just finished a Bachelor of Mathematical Sciences at ANU, and is passionate about teaching maths and science to students of all ages! Her outside-of-school time is spent knitting, reading romance and jogging.



Mr. Antonio Zardo

Is a well-known local masterchef. Antonio has previously worked internationally as a chef, and as a volunteer cook at the year 9/10 CSC Surf Camp after the COVID lockdowns. The camp must have gone well as he's now agreed to teach VET cookery when he's not on the farm growing and harvesting Pomegranates.



Jordan Flanagan

Comes to Cobram Secondary College with a background in business, marketing and communications. In more recent years working at AFL Goulburn Murray and Cobram Anglican Grammar School, reigniting her passion to return to education studies which she started many years ago after graduating from CSC as a Year Twelve student in 1999. Jordan loves developing positive relationships with everyone she meets. As a 'born and bred local' she is passionate about living and learning in our regional community. Jordan considers herself a true sports 'nut' and her interests include coaching and umpiring netball, in between running around after her three children.

Miss Jessica Phippen



Comes to Cobram Secondary College as a diverse creative, with training in Fine Art (Gold and Silversmithing) and Architecture from RMIT University. Jessica is dedicated to the creative journeys of everyone in the community. Jessica has exhibited work, curated exhibitions, and produced events across Australia. They have eclectic experience across a variety of areas including human relations, organisational development, event production, curation, design, antique and contemporary jewellery, photography, videography, disability advocacy, medical administration, finance, and project management across public, private, and not-for profit-sectors. Jessica's additional interests include science, literature, film, neurodiversity, and mental health.

Dearne Lehman



Moved from Leeton where she spent 15 years working at SunRice in Logistics & Leadership. Dearne was also a substitute TAFE teacher in Business Administration and Computers. She holds a Diploma in Business Administration and a CERT IV in Leadership and Management. Since moving to Cobram 3 years ago, Dearne has worked at Legacy Packing as a Grower Services Administrator and an Executive Assistant for AMV Business Services. Dearne has nearly completed her CertIV in Ed support and In her spare time, Dearne loves travelling and spending quality time with family and friends.

Mrs. Hannah Routledge



Began her teaching journey at Cobram Secondary College in 2010 as a graduate, and is now returning after roles at both Numurkah SC and Nathalia PS. She has also spent three years abroad, living in London and travelling across Europe, Africa and North/Central America. Hannah has significant experience teaching VCE Health and Human Development, literacy intervention and junior English. She lives in Barooga with her footy-loving husband, and two young daughters. Her passions outside of teaching are fitness and weight training, mental health and eating ice-cream from The Corner Shop. She joins the Cobram Secondary team as the 7&8 Year Level Leader.

Claire Makowski



Moved Tocumwal with her family 3 years ago for a lifestyle change and hasn't looked back. Claire was a nurse for many years and then went back to Uni to study teaching. She taught in Japan for a year and then settled into special education in Melbourne for 12 years prior to her tree change. Claire will be working in the applied learnig program. Claire has a 4 year old daughter so her hobbies include going to parks, playing shops and beauty parlours, singing, dancing and anything related to princesses. Claire is looking forward to getting back into the work force and having some adult time. She loves nature, bushwalking, challenging hikes, swimming in the river, travelling, beach holidays and music.

Mr. Adrian Ried

Mr. Ried is our newest recruit to Cobram Secondary. He comes from Albury-Wodonga and has worked at the flying fruit fly circus school and Wodonga Middle Years College. AJ will be our Humanities teacher. He LOVES music and can be found with a guitar in hand while teaching, but is also good at working with his hands & has taught woodwork, and anything else thrown his way. He's a jack of all trades, known for creating positive working relationships with students

Tanika Murray

Comes to Cobram Secondary College as an experienced classroom teacher, with 10 years of experience at Katunga Primary School, Cobram Anglican Grammar and St Joseph's Primary. Tanika is passionate about helping students reach their full potential both academically and as a valued member of our community. Tanika is a mum to an 8 and 5 year old. She loves spending time with her young family. Her interests include walking in nature, travel and friends.

Georgia Peters

Has twelve years' experience teaching rural students and is passionate about making sure they get the best education possible. She has spent many years teaching VCE English and Literature, and enjoyed a few years as an English examiner. Georgia loves reading, language and trying to figure out what Cleopatra might have done in her spare time. Outside of school, Georgia enjoys getting outdoors for a walk in the sunshine, curling up with a good book and ferrying her children to sports, work and too many birthday parties.

Beth Valle

Beth starts at Cobram Secondary College in an Education Support role while completing her Masters of Teaching in Secondary Education. She has worked as a Registered Nurse and Clinical Nurse Educator for many years, with the majority of her Nursing Career spent in the Northern Territory. She also taught Enrolled Nursing at Tafe, Wangaratta for 6 years. Beth loves to teach and support students on their learning journey, to achieve their personal best. Her interests include hiking, jogging, horse riding, art and travelling.

Sharon McKenzie

Sharon McKenzie, has worked with the VCAL class helping to organise work placements, employment opportunities and apprenticeships. Sharon's past experiences include working with young adults who are at risk of becoming homeless, working with disengaged youth who are at risk of not having an education.

The two ponies Squirt and Shadow at CSC are a part of Sharon's family pets. The ponies are enjoying coming into school to be with the students. Sharon enjoys family time, craft activities and her animals. The things that bring her joy in her job are the students reaching their goals and aspirations.

Julie Meikle

Julie Meikle a qualified Chef with 30 years experience, is now having a career change and is studying to become a food technology teacher. Her hobbies are Socialising, meeting new people and having a chat. Personal development, being the best versions of ourselves. Julie loves her 4-year-old English Staffy cross named Buster and spending time with her friends and family.



Chelsea McDonald

Chelsea is excited to start at CSC and will be teaching Humanities, HOL and VM. Born and bred in Finley and currently living in Tocumwal, Chelsea is looking forward to the new opportunity in Cobram. She completed a bachelor of business and then through working casually as an ES at Finley High School knew being in the classroom is where she should be, so then commenced her Masters of Teaching (Secondary). Chelsea enjoys making connections and creating opportunities for success with the students that she works with. Outside of school you might see her at the cinema or the fifth daughter sipping on a coffee.



Mr. Adam Stevens

Stevo is our Leading Teacher for student connectedness and Engagement and will lead the Year Level leaders and wellbeing team. Stevo comes to Cobram Secondary College, bringing with him a wealth of experience and knowledge. He has been an educator for over 20 years and has served on leadership teams across three separate colleges in the Gippsland area. Adam is a graduate of Monash University and holds a Ba of Sport & Recreation / Outdoor Education, Ba of Secondary Education. He also has a Dip of Agriculture from the Victorian College of Agriculture & Horticulture and in his most recent studies completed a Cert. in Positive Education from Melbourne University.

Adam's main teaching expertise is in areas of Sport, Health, Physical Education, Outdoor Education and Agriculture. He regularly presents at ACHPER on a wide variety of topics however, "Engaging Challenging Students" is his passion. He believes that every child is capable of learning and likes to remain positive, even in the most difficult circumstances and challenging times. He holds a deep seeded desire to assist young people to develop and has built skills over many years of teaching to facilitate this.

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Adam has travelled extensively in 2019 after taking extended leave from teaching, visiting 32 different countries across Asia and Europe. In his life outside of school he enjoys AFL, Cricket, Kayaking, Mountain Bike Riding, Bush Walking, Travelling (domestically and abroad), building and renovation, gardening (vegetable), cooking and writing and reading. Adam is looking forward to heading North and calling Cobram home after living in Gippsland for most of His life.



Kayla Govan

Kayla Govan is currently studying her Bachelor of Psychological Science. She is a member of the CSC staff this year, volunteering her time to further understand the social emotional needs of young people and the importance of psychology and social work within an education setting. Kayla will be working with the student engagement and connectedness team, predominantly in the Reengagement space. She has recently returned home to the local area after working in real estate on the Sunshine Coast. Her hobbies include travelling, spending time with her Labrador Sookie and going to the gym.

AUSTRALIA DAY AWARDS



ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECT OF THE YEAR

We are proud to announce that CSC's 'Pedal Empowerment Program' received the 2023 Environmental Project of the Year award, at the Australia Day ceremony. Congratulations to all the students and staff that were involved in the program!

Congratulations also, to both Tom and Jack Beasley for being acknowledged for their work in the community and leadership at school.



WHAT'S NEW AT CSC



VET COOKING

Cobram Secondary College now offer VET Cooking to students. Chef Antonio Zardo has a wide knowledge of working at the best restaurants around the world and will be teaching the students this year, working in partnership with Sporties Barooa, using their facilities. Students are privileged to be working in an industrial kitchen, learning and gaining a certificate in VET Cooking.



WHAT'S NEW AT CSC



FARM GARDEN

Work has commenced on the farm garden. The Year 9/10 Applied Learning class learning about the world of work. In partnership with Sun Country Turf, to landscape our farm garden.



WHAT'S NEW AT CSC



NEW GROUP/STUDY AREAS

The W-Wing now has new study areas for students to utilise.



JORDAN HOUSE WINS SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Jordan House was victorious at the swimming carnival, with 735 points, Goodman House second with 659 points, Shadforth third with 592 points and Rose House last with 504 points. Well done to all the students that participated and the ones that cheered on for their house!



A huge thank you to GV Water, for supplying the portable hydration unit for our event. It was so good to keep our student hydrated on such a hot day.



CLASS 2022 GRADUATION DAY



Class of 2022 get together for the final time, to celebrate their graduation. The graduates were joined by their families, employers, as well as local and state dignitaries. Students were presented with their graduation certificates by Dr. David Howes Deputy Secretary for the Department of Education.



CLASS 2022 GRADUATION DAY



THE DUX SPEECH



Dux Speech

Hi, and thank you, I feel truly honoured to be the dux of the 2022 class, I would like to thank Cobram Secondary College for this experience, it's been a long journey all the way from year 7 where an hour of homework seemed such a burden to this point where it has all paid off.

The achievement of dux's is one I have always strived for during my schooling years, as academic results is a key component of the future career I wish to pursue, so I've always had it mentally stapled on my wall. I've attempted pretty much every study technique from full blown schedules to taking 5-minute breaks after every 5 minutes of work, so my advice to VCE students is attempt to find what works for you as early as possible through trial and error as then you find your productivity increasing exponentially. My second notion of advice would be to be persistent at working on your weaknesses and not falling back to the comfort of studying your strengths to achieve a sense of completion in your study session, I have fallen victim to this numerous times so be persistent in areas of difficulty and uncomfortability.

Contrary to my lust and desire for this achievement, it is important to acknowledge that it is not the desired outcome of everyone's schooling career as some of my peers were well into their desired career come the end of 2022 and that is a large achievement as they are closer to their dream careers than I who stands here being decorated.

Despite it being my name written on this award it was a collective effort of those who have supported me throughout the years, whom I wish to express a large thanks to, my parents who have provided me with everything I could ever need to succeed in not only school but life. From, making me cups of coffee during study sessions to reading my English book as well so I could discuss it with them. To my teachers who have always gone the extra mile to help my academics whether it be individualised learning models or after school help they were always supportive. And to my fellow peers who have pushed me and encouraged me to excel through either a competitive nature or friendly advice. I couldn't have achieved this without all of them and I would like to once again thank all these people.

Thank you for having me.

YEAR 7 BAND INFORMATION EVENING

Tuesday 28 February, 7pm in Performing Arts Room (W6)

Essential information for all Year 7 students and parents about Instrumental Music and Band Programs at Cobram Secondary College. There will be a performance from our Senior Concert Band, with student demonstrations of individual instruments as well as a representative from Future Music Australia.



**COME JOIN
COBRAM SECONDARY COLLEGE
CONCERT BAND**

**YEAR 7 BAND
INFORMATION EVENING**

TUE 28 FEB, 2023

LOVE MUSIC

Special performance by

THE SENIOR CONCERT BAND

7PM

W6 PERFORMING ARTS ROOM
COBRAM SECONDARY COLLEGE

NEVR MUSIC CAMP

All Cobram Secondary College Instrumental Music students are strongly encouraged to attend this camp. It is a great camp and an excellent opportunity to have fun making quality music for three days while meeting other music students from around the region.



NEVR MUSIC CAMP
BEECHWORTH - THE OLD PRIORY
3RD - 5TH APRIL 2023

40th ANNIVERSARY EDITION

It's our 40th music camp and we're celebrating. Come join us for three days of intensive music playing & performance in the picturesque town of Beechworth. We offer junior and senior concert band, string, jazz or contemporary band. There's also an opportunity to try out another instrument - maybe play marimba, ukulele or percussion and sing in our fabulous concert finale. You can even show off any special talents (the usual or the very unusual!) in our extremely popular talent night show - Dookie's Got Talent. Places are limited so don't miss out!

REGISTRATION
All registrations are online. Go to www.trybooking.com and search NEVR Beechworth Music Camp or use the QI code. For all enquires contact Tricia on 0409855434 or Julie on 0413456623.



Celebration

EARLY BIRD PRICE AVAILABLE UNTIL 24th March 2023
*family discounts available



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Graduation

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Monday 13th February 2023

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Monday 20th February 2023

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PRIVACY POLICY



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.

TERM 1 DIARY

Term 1	Semester 1	2023
<i>* All dates and events can be subject to changes</i>		
Tuesday 31 st January 2023	Meet the Mentor	
Wednesday 1 st February 2023	Term 1 Start, Year 7 & VCE students return	
Thursday 2 nd February 2023	Year 8's return, Year 7 & VCE students also on site	
Friday 3 rd February 2023	ALL students return	
Friday 10 th February 2023	CSC Swimming Sports Carnival	
Monday 13 th February 2023	Graduation Ceremony	
Tuesday 14 th February 2023	School photos	
Monday 27 th February 2023	Year 9's Morrisby Profiling	
Tuesday 28 th February 2023	Year 9's Morrisby Profiling GMD Swimming Band Information Evening	
Wednesday 1 st March 2023	Year 9's Morrisby Profiling	
Friday 3 rd March 2023	GMD Swimming back <u>up date</u>	
Tuesday 7 th March 2023	Senior Summer Sports	
Monday 13 th March 2023	Labour Day Public Holiday	
Tuesday 14 th March 2023	Year 11 camp (14 th – 16 th March inc.)	
Wednesday 15 th March 2023	Year 11 camp, NAPLAN (writing)	
Thursday 16 th March 2023	Year 11 camp, NAPLAN (reading)	
Friday 17 th March 2023	NAPLAN, HUME Swimming	
Monday 20 th March 2023	NAPLAN (Numeracy), Music Ensembles and performance evening	
Tuesday 21 st March 2023	High abilities camp (21 st -23 rd March inc.)	
Wednesday 22 nd March 2023	High abilities camp	
Thursday 23 rd March 2023	High abilities camp	
Friday 24 th March 2023	VM Job camp	
Monday 27 th March 2023	Solo's performance evening	
Friday 31 st March 2023	VM Job Camp	
Monday 3 rd April 2023	Music Camp (3 rd – 5 th April inc.)	
Tuesday 4 th April 2023	Music Camp	
Wednesday 5 th April 2023	Music Camp, Parent Teacher Interviews (4pm – 7pm)	
Thursday 6 th April 2023	Parent Teacher Interviews (9am – 12pm) END OF TERM	
Friday 7 th April 2023	Good Friday Public Holiday	
School Tours are offered daily. Please contact the general office for an appointment time. 5871 1700		

IN THE COMMUNITY

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



ROTARY YOUTH SAILING CHALLENGE

Please visit the link for the Challenge of a Lifetime, the Rotary Youth Sailing Challenge, for a student aged 15 to 19 years, who could benefit from learning new skills whilst participating in a 7 day voyage at sea.

<https://aus01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/...>

These voyages are from Melbourne 17th May 2023 (7 days) and again in Adelaide 4th June 2023 (7 days).

#everyopportunitytaken
