

Cobram Secondary College

Parent/Carer Newsletter



Term 3 Week 4 2025

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

From the Principal:

This week marked the start of thinking about what next year will bring with course counselling completed with our students. A huge thank you to all parents/carers who attended. We will spend the remainder of the term working on the 2026 subjects/timetabling and staffing. It's time for our senior students to consider nominating for Senior Student Leadership roles. Application forms are available from the LRC.

Upcoming events / key dates

- Monday 18th August - Work experience week starts
- Monday 25th August - Solo performance evening, W6 at 7pm
- Tuesday 26th August - Junior Band first performance, W6 at 5pm
- Friday 29th August - Yr. 12 Dress up day

Teaching and Learning

NAPLAN; Hydrogen Grand Prix team and Age Champions athletics lunch will be held on Wednesday 27th August at 1:15pm in the LRC. Students will receive and invite next week through compass.

Careers

Allied Health Forum – Shepparton

This event brings together over 20 Allied Health professionals in one space, giving students the chance to engage directly, ask questions, explore different career paths, and build their understanding of the many roles within the **allied health sector**. **WHERE:** GV Hotel Shepparton **WHEN:** 27th August **TIME:** 6pm – 7.30pm

Register online at <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/allied-health-futures-forum-tickets-1363698351479>

Engineering Forum - Shepparton

This exciting event offers students the chance to connect with **Engineers** from a wide range of disciplines from Structural, Civil, Mechanical, Electrical, Software and Environmental.

WHERE: GV Hotel Shepparton **WHEN:** 28th August **TIME:** 5:30pm – 7pm

Register online at <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/engineering-futures-forum-tickets-1391858368849>

Whole School Wellbeing

Over the next few weeks, we'll be running an informative series in the school newsletters, written by Australian Child Psychologist, Michael Hawton.

Michael (a former teacher himself) has spoken with hundreds of school leaders nationwide through a range of workshops addressing child and teen anxiety. Based on his close work in the education sector for many decades, Michael believes that far more parents are prematurely jumping in to fix a problem on their child's behalf than was the case a generation ago.

Over the next six weeks, we'll be exploring what anxiety looks like, what parents can do to alleviate anxious behaviours in children, and how 'jumping in' to fix a perceived wrong-doing to a child may in fact be reducing a child's ability to resolve problems independently, see article via this [link](#). The articles will also include

some tips and strategies for parents to address anxiety early.

We hope you enjoy the upcoming series and welcome any feedback you may have.

From the Year Level Leader Team

ATTENDANCE NOTES

In response to parent feedback around attendance notes please see guidance on process below. This guidance is specifically related to parents adding an attendance note when a student has been marked late unexplained to a class. In this instance parents are encouraged to:

- Chat to your child about being late to class
- Add an attendance note via Compass (if you would like to 'explain' the absence)
- In the 'reason' drop down box choose 'truancy'
- In the 'details/comment' box write 'late no valid reason' or something similar

Reminder - Parents are under no obligation to provide reasons for all instances of a student being late.

SUB-SCHOOL STAFFING

Please be aware that 9&10 Year Level Leader Shaz McKenzie is on leave for two weeks. Team Leader (Adam Hughes) and Wellbeing & Programs Leader (Brooke Hill) will be covering for Shaz in her absence. Please be considerate of the additional workload on Adam and Brooke during this time, they will make every effort to respond to parents communications in a timely manner.

Rae Wood (7&8 Team Leader) has stepped away from her role. Sonia Zito will be the 7&8 key contact and Year Level leader.

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