

Cobram Secondary College

Parent/Carer Newsletter



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

From the Principal:

I'm thrilled to share that two of our students, Adithi Gurunathan and Taylar Knight, have been selected to join the International Youth Science forum in the UK this June. Their achievement is the result of years of dedication and commitment to seizing every opportunity at Cobram Secondary. They will be outstanding ambassadors for both our school, and rural education.

Upcoming events / key dates

Monday 10th March - Public Holiday

Wednesday 12th March until Tuesday 18th March - NAPLAN Year 7 & Year 9

Friday 14th March - Hume Swimming

Monday 17th March - Music Solo Performance 7pm W6

Tuesday 18th March - Fit to Drive (Year 12) Periods 3 to 5

Teaching and Learning

NO LAPTOP BORROWING DURING NAPLAN

Please note there will be no laptops available for borrowing during NAPLAN, Wednesday 12th to Tuesday 18th March. Please ensure your students are bringing a fully charged laptop to school every day.

NAPLAN Information

If you have chosen to withdraw your child from NAPLAN please ensure that you have come into the front office and filled in and signed the withdrawal form. Withdrawn students can either arrive at school after the NAPLAN session is completed or come to school where they will be supervised in VCE classes to complete work during NAPLAN sessions.

All Year 7 and 9 Students will need to:

- Ensure that their computer has had the NAPLAN software installed. If this has not happened, please drop your computer off to Judy in the Library ASAP
- Bring their fully charged computer each day for the week of NAPLAN Testing

Year 7 NAPLAN Timetable

Wednesday 12 th March	NAPLAN Writing	Illuminate and Period 1 in the Hall
Thursday 13 th March	NAPLAN Reading	Illuminate and Period 1 in the Hall
Thursday 13 th March	NAPLAN Convection of Language	Period 3 in the Hall
Monday 17 th March	NAPLAN Numeracy	Illuminate and Period 1 in the Hall

Year 9 NAPLAN Timetable

Wednesday 12 th March	NAPLAN Writing	Period 3 and Period 4 in the Hall
Friday 14 th March	NAPLAN Reading	Illuminate and Period 1 in the Hall
Friday 14 th March	NAPLAN Convection of Language	Period 3 in the Hall
Tuesday 18 th March	NAPLAN Numeracy	Illuminate and Period 1 in the Hall

Whole School Wellbeing

We always have a lot going on in the Wellbeing space at CSC. One recent program we are proud of is The Body Project. Earlier this term, a small group from our student leadership team participated in the program which was created by Stanford University researchers. Our students met via Zoom over four sessions to discuss, reflect on, and learn more about the demands of society on beauty, and what they can do to foster

and promote body appreciation among their peers. They learned that having a shared culture of body-acceptance at school can lower risk factors for eating disorders and help build up the language of body positivity across the school. Congratulations to all the students who participated.

From the Year Level Leader Team

LAPTOP BORROWING PROCESS CHANGES

At the start of Term 2, the laptop borrowing process will change.

Here's what you need to know:

- Students will need to return a signed laptop borrowing consent form
- Laptops will be borrowed for one week at a time, rather than at the beginning of classes.
- Students can borrow a laptop for a maximum of three consecutive weeks.

It is an expectation under the Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) program that all students bring a device each day; laptop borrowing is there to support students to have a device for a short period of time only.

What you can do to help your student(s) with the transition:

- Make sure they bring their device to school each day
- Remind them to charge their device overnight

If you require financial support to purchase a device, please contact your student's Year Level Leader.

COMMUNICATION WITH SCHOOL STAFF

Our school staff make every effort to return parent communication within two school days, but sometimes due to staff absence, teaching responsibilities or professional development this may not be possible. Please be patient while staff work to get back to you.

Please note: staff are not available to meet with parents unless arranged ahead of time. To request a meeting with a staff member please contact the general office.

PICKING STUDENTS UP FROM SCHOOL EARLY

At times, you may need to pick your student up during the school day. To allow for this to happen, you are asked to contact the school office before the school day begins so the student can be provided with a pass to leave.

Please note: parents/carers will not be able to collect students during class time without prior arrangement as there are no staff members allocated to retrieve students from classes. Should you need to collect your student (when the office has not been informed prior to the school day) please ensure you arrive to collect the student during break times when we can use our PA system.

Other important information / reminders

SECOND HAND UNIFORMS WANTED

If you have any second hand uniforms that you could donate to the school, please leave them at the General Office.

OLD MATHS TEXTBOOKS

Free Year 7 Maths textbooks:

We have 100 copies of Edrolo Year 7 Maths, books 1 and 2 to give away as we no longer use these editions. Contact the school at cobram.sc@education.vic.gov.au or 03 5871 1700 if you are interested in collecting all the textbooks.

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