

Cobram Secondary College

Parent/Carer Newsletter



Term 1 Issue 2 2025

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

From the Principal:

We held a lovely Graduation ceremony for our 2024 VCE & VCE VM students on Monday 10th February. It is great to celebrate the students' accomplishments with their families and our staff and students.

We have two Year 12 students attending an International STEM program in July. This is a huge achievement, and congratulations to Adithi and Taylah for stepping out of their comfort zones and following their dreams.

Work Experience week begins 3rd March for participating year 9-11 students. This is a normal school week for all students unless they are participating in Work Experience, and classes will run as normal.

Upcoming events / key dates

- Work Experience, participating years 9-11: Week 6, Monday 3rd March - Friday 7th March
- NAPLAN, years 7 & 9: Week 7 & 8, Wednesday 12th March - Tuesday 18th March

Teaching and Learning

NAPLAN

NAPLAN 2025 will be conducted online at Cobram SC throughout weeks 7 & 8, Wednesday 12th - Tuesday 18th March.

Detailed information about NAPLAN for Year 7 & 9 students and parents/carers is available in a flier linked to a Compass newsfeed post.

If you choose to withdraw your student from NAPLAN you will need to come into the office and sign a withdrawal form by Monday 10th March. Please call the school office in advance as an individual form will need to be generated.

NAPLAN schedule

Wednesday 12th March

Year 7 Writing

Year 9 Writing

Thursday 13th March

Year 7 Reading

Year 7 Conventions of Language

Friday 14th March

Year 9 Reading

Year 9 Conventions of Language

Monday 17th March

Year 7 Numeracy

Tuesday 18th March

Year 8 Numeracy

Careers

WORK EXPERIENCE

Work Experience is an important part of the Year 9/10 school program and is a great opportunity for students to gain practical industry experience.

Work Experience forms can be downloaded from students' Compass feed, or the Cobram SC careers website [via this link](#).

Forms need to be filled in, signed and returned to Maria in the Careers office *at least 2 weeks prior* to placement starting to allow time for approval and processing.

Please see below for 2025 Work Experience dates. Students can contact their Careers & Work teacher or Maria in the Careers office with any queries.

- Term 1 week 6: 3rd – 7th March 2025
- Term 2 week 5: 19th – 23rd May 2025
- Term 3 week 5: 18th – 22nd August 2025
- Term 4 week 4: 27th – 31st October 2025

YEAR 9 MORRISBY

Year 9 students and their parents/guardians have been sent a link to provide consent for student participation in the online Morrisby career sessions on Monday 24th February. Please respond to this request ASAP. All year 9 students are expected to participate in this session which will run during class time. Follow up interviews will be held in May. For more information about the Morrisby program, see Maria in the careers office or go to <https://ceav.vic.edu.au/my-career-insights/>.

Whole School Wellbeing

'NIP IT IN THE BUD' TRAINING

Our school staff are currently in the process of being trained in the 'Nip it in the bud!' (NIP) framework for supporting student wellbeing across our college. NIP is an evidenced-based SAFEMinds Framework that allows staff to better recognise, respond to and intervene early in student wellbeing concerns. To learn more about this framework [Use this link](#)

WELCOMING A NEW TEAM MEMBER

This week we welcome Taylar Anderson to our wellbeing team. Taylar comes to us as a qualified Youth Worker with significant experience and training in family services, adolescent wellbeing and crisis support work. Taylar commences with us on Monday 3rd March.

WELLBEING NEEDS ASSESSMENTS

Our wellbeing team are now able to offer 'Wellbeing Needs Assessments' following a wellbeing referral and parent/carer consent. The process involves an initial wellbeing session which aims to collaborate with your student to explore what support would be the most appropriate based on a 'biopsychosocial' (holistic) approach.

For more information or to request wellbeing support for your child, please contact the college and speak to a member of our Wellbeing team.

From the Year Level Leader Team

REWARDS DAYS

To celebrate positive behaviours, students will have the opportunity to participate in rewards days each term. Students who consistently demonstrate positive behaviours (measured through green entries), have high levels of attendance, and minimal red entries will be eligible to attend. The rewards will change each term but could include an afternoon at the movies or mini golf, free lunches, in-school celebrations or activities. Please ensure you are monitoring student behaviour through the Compass portal regularly to support your student's positive behaviours at school.

MAXIMISING LEARNING TIME

To ensure learning time is maximised and disruptions are minimised throughout the day, students need to ensure that they arrive for all classes fully prepared.

This includes:

- All resources (including computer)
- A full drink bottle
- Using break time to go to the toilet

Please note, students are not permitted to leave classes to get drinks, and should only be leaving for toilet breaks where absolutely necessary. If your student has a medical condition that would require them to be exempted from this process please provide appropriate medical documentation to the College via the office or Year Level Leader.

COMPUTERS - LAPTOP BORROWING PROGRAM

The current process for laptop borrowing is under review as students who do have access to a computer are choosing to borrow a device, meaning those who really need a device are sometimes missing out. In the near future we will be changing to a system where parental approval is required for borrowing a laptop. To help prepare your student for this please:

- Encourage your student to bring a charged device every day

- Reach out to your student's Year Level Leader if you need some support getting an appropriate device

Other important information / reminders

SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTION

School council elections are coming up.

- Process and timetable [via this link](#).
- Terms of office, membership categories and number of positions open for election are [via this link](#).
- Self-nomination for parent member category [via this link](#).

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