



COBDEN TECHNICAL SCHOOL

Committed to Students, Committed to Success

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New website for the school.
<https://www.cobtech.vic.edu.au/>
What would you like included?

Term 3 Week 6
August 23, 2019

We are committed to find, and celebrate, successful outcomes for students, whether that is in the pursuit of high level academic achievement, or the development of specific vocational skills.

The values we strive to develop and promote through our interactions with students, parents and other members of our community are Honesty, Excellence, Accountability, Respect and Trust - HEART.

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School Council Parent/Student Representatives:

Sue Clarke	Michelle De Bie	Rebecca Perriss	Rae Bellman (President)	Liz Roberts (Vice President)
			Ingrid Bellman (Student)	Tanner Fratantaro (Student)

BREAKFAST CLUB

CTS offers breakfast every Wednesday and Friday morning from 8.30-9am at Johnno's Shed. Free cheese toasties are available. Those students who have travelled long distances on the bus, or have missed breakfast for any reason, are especially welcome.

Principal

Rohan Keert

From The Principal's Desk - Monday 26th August 2019

Indonesian Sister School Visit - Thank you to Liz Formby and our host families for ensuring that the visit by staff and students from our sister school SMP Negeri 5 Yogyakarta, Indonesia went very smoothly. Whenever I have been lucky enough to be a part of international student study tours, I ask the students what they are most anxious about at the beginning. They always reply that it is the home stay. At the end I ask them what the best part of the trip was. The most common response is always the home stay. On Friday 9th August at the dinner in Johnno's Shed, students from both schools showcased their talents in a variety of performances. We look forward to our third CTS tour to Indonesia in 2020.

New Website – Taking parent feedback on board, I made the most of the bleak weather during the winter holiday break and created a new website for the school. I would appreciate any additional feedback about what else parents would like to see on the website. <https://www.cobtech.vic.edu.au/>

CTS 50th Anniversary – The organizing committee continue to meet regularly. They are uncovering a treasure-trove of memories. We are very lucky that previous members of staff had the foresight to meticulously archive and chronicle our history.

New Student Counsellor – Julie White-Richardson commenced on Friday 9th August and works three days per week at CTS.

Career Education - One component of the Department of Education's (DET) transformation of career education is 'My Career Insights'. Over three days 12-14 AUG, all year 9 students were given access to:

- The Morrisby online career diagnostic assessment tool.
- Analysis of their Morrisby career assessment through one-on-one career counselling by an external accredited career practitioner.
- Morrisby Career Profiling.

Trade Training Cluster Bus Tour – On Thursday 18th July, we provided an opportunity for all Yr 10 students to visit the Corangamite Trade Training Cluster facilities. Students were able to view the facilities in action and listened to a brief presentation from each of the VET teachers to gain an insight into the courses available next year through the CTTC. Students received a course brochure and handbook outlining information about all the courses on offer through the CTTC facilities.

2020 Year 7 Enrolment – Early indications are looking very good for indicative enrolment numbers at Year 7. Any families yet to make up their mind are still welcome to contact the school for more information or visit our website which contains up to date information for current and prospective families. <https://www.cobtech.vic.edu.au/>

Melbourne Work Experience – Annette Hickey coordinated and supervised the Year 11 Melbourne work experience July 29 to August 2. This year we combined with Timboon P-12 School to run the event. Reports are that it was a very successful and rewarding experience for our students. Next year we are looking at expanding this event by including Mortlake P-12 School.

Plant and Property Update – The Accessible Buildings Programs works are progressing well despite the wet winter. The front entry to the main office is now operational and this week library access has resumed following the completion of a major upgrade to the entry which includes a ramp, raised canopy, two sets of electric sliding doors and a new loans desk. The major task of replacing the covered walkway from the administration building to the Trade-writing will be completed in the September school holidays. I am pleased to announce that we are not far off commencing the new outdoor 3x3 Basketball court.



Tomorrow Man/Woman – On Tuesday 6th AUG all students in Years 10 – 12 participated in the two-hour Tomorrow Man or Tomorrow Woman workshops. The workshops were funded by the 'Let's Talk' Foundation. More information about the workshops can be found at <https://www.tomorrowman.com.au/programs>

Assistant Principal

Cassandra Crévola

Survey Season – Thank you to the families who have completed the randomized Parent Opinion Survey in recent weeks. We are very grateful for your time in having your say and helping us to continue to learn and improve as a school.

A very big thank you also goes to the many students for helping us with completing a range of surveys in recent weeks. Students in various year levels have completed wellbeing surveys, which will be collated by their providers before the anonymous data is presented back to CTS to shape our programs for students and families.

Reports and Parent/Student/Teacher Interviews – Cycle #4 reports will be published this Friday 30th August. We encourage students and families to read through these together and take the opportunity to set goals and reflect on growth. We also invite families to book in for interviews on the final Tuesday of this term, 17th September. Bookings will open next week (Week 8) and remain open for a fortnight.

Staff PD Day – Staff worked through a number of professional learning workshops on Friday 23rd August, including using Learning Intentions for student growth and reflection and exploring the next stages of our work in the School Wide Positive Behaviour Support Program. We appreciate the opportunity to work collaboratively on these days to best plan for student learning and success.

Subject Selections – Years 9 and 10 students will be completing their 2020 subject selections this week. We look forward to supporting students as they make these important choices for the coming school year.

Calendar

WEEK 7	DATE	EVENT
Wednesday	August 28	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Bricks Day 3 9am – 1.45 pm• 7 session day
WEEK 8	DATE	EVENT
Monday	September 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Defence Force Recruitment Talk 1 pm
Tuesday	September 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none">•
Wednesday	September 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 2019 Summit Camp (6.45 am)
Thursday	September 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 2019 Summit Camp
Friday	September 6	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 2019 Summit Camp• 7 session day• Victorian Schools Super Series Lawn Bowls
WEEK 9	DATE	EVENT
Monday	September 9	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Canberra Camp (6 am)• 7 session day• School Council
Friday	September 13	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Canberra Camp concludes
WEEK 10	DATE	EVENT
Monday	September 16	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• GWR Interschool Athletics (at Ballarat)
Tuesday	September 17	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Parent Teacher Interviews 12 till 8 pm
Thursday	September 19	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cert II Auto Bus Tour (to be confirmed)
Friday	September 20	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Last Day of Term 3 - 2.25 finish

Careers

Annette Hickey –Careers Coordinator

WHAT IS VTAC? The Victorian Tertiary Admissions Centre (VTAC) is the central hub for applications to study courses at Victorian tertiary institutions. VTAC receives, collates and forwards applications to universities, TAFEs and independent tertiary colleges. These include requests for special consideration (SEAS), scholarship applications and other supporting documentation that may be required by institutions. After selection decisions are made by the institutions, VTAC sends messages of offer to successful applicants.



WHAT is SEAS? The Special Entry Access Scheme (SEAS) is part of your application. It allows selection officers to grant special consideration for course entry to applicants (but does not exempt you from meeting any of the institutional and course entry requirements).

SEAS CATEGORIES

There are four categories within SEAS that cover personal information and location, disadvantaged financial background, disability or medical condition and difficult circumstances.

Category 1 includes eight additional subcategories including age, living or **school location**, under-representation of a particular gender in a course or field of study, recognition as an Indigenous Australian, recognition for being from a non-English speaking background and recognition for being the first in your family to attend tertiary study.

All Cobden Tech students are eligible to apply for category 1 based on our location. Make sure you apply for this category. Also check which other categories you may be eligible for.

Important Dates - Please keep an eye on relevant dates at: <http://www.vtac.edu.au/dates.html>

APPLICATIONS	OPEN	CLOSE	FEES
Timely course application	Mon 5 th August, 2019	30th September, 2019 (5pm)	\$36.00 Currently enrolled Year 12 timely processing fee \$54.00 All other applicants timely processing fee
Late course applications		1st November (5pm)	\$105.00 Late processing fee
Very late course applications (not available for graduate-entry teaching courses)		6 December (5pm)	\$137.00 Very late processing fee
SPECIAL ENTRY ACCESS SCHEME (SEAS)			
SEAS application and supporting documentation	Mon 5th August (9am)	11th October (5pm)	SEAS application and supporting documentation

Year 12 students applying for courses – see Mrs Hickey anytime for help.

2019 Indonesian Sister School Visit

Liz Formby –Languages Coordinator

From Friday August 2 until Wednesday August 14 Cobden Technical School was lucky enough to have 22 students and two teachers visit from our sister school SMP 5 in Yogyakarta. During their time here the students took part in classes, played sport, enjoyed the awesome food from the canteen and spent break times with our awesome students - mostly playing table tennis in Room 6!



On the two weekends they were here the students and their host families enjoyed various local activities ranging from bowling and going to the cinema to sightseeing on the Great Ocean Road. There were also day trips to Warrnambool and Ballarat and many of our visitors had the opportunity to watch football and netball games.



Thanks to the staff from Cobden Technical School who adapted their curriculum to suit our visitors and to the students who were their school buddies. Also - a very big terima kasih to the eleven homestay families who hosted the students during their time in Cobden.



It was an absolute joy and pleasure to watch our students make new friends and contacts from Indonesia. Cross-cultural understanding makes us better people and I know that the Indonesian staff and students also learnt a lot about daily life and school in Australia.



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Year 11 Work Experience

Annette Hickey –Careers Coordinator

Thanks to the following employers for giving our Yr 11 students the opportunity to experience the world of work.

Kris Duynhoven	Colac Motorcycles	
Lachlan Gass	Tasweld, Warrnambool	
Brad Gillingham	Phoenix Management Group, Melbourne	
Lachlan Hatherall	Martin's Timber and Hardware, Cobden	
Luke Hickey	Charles Stewart, Camperdown	
Noah Mungean	McCormack Property Services	
Hunter Reynolds	McCormack Property Services	
Ben Thow	Thow Partnership	
Libby Pringuer	Cobden Primary School	
Jayden Squires	Avionics, Essendon airport	
Ingrid Bellman	The Tyre Factory, Warrnambool	
Ryan Hawkins	DMB Motorcycles	
Shaye Herron	Camperdown Kindergarten	
Grace Molloy	WJ Scott Dairy Farm	
Cameron Newell	Reid Stockfeeds, Cobden	
Kayla Hunter	North Melbourne Children's Centre	
Jessica Parsons	North Melbourne Children's Centre	

During week 3 of this term Yr 11 students completed a very successful week of work experience; some students organised placements in Melbourne and others chose the local area. On Sunday July 28, six students travelled by train to Melbourne and settled into a youth hostel in North Melbourne for five nights. They navigated the streets of Melbourne via the public transport systems to get to work and to some great shopping centres.

Eleven other students elected to stay in the local area, finding work placements in industries that related to their future careers.

Positive reports congratulated their great work ethic, willingness to learn and ability to follow instructions.

Sport

Belinda Savage – Sports Coordinator

Upcoming Events – Save the dates

Date to be confirmed	Senior Boys Country Cup Grand Final
Friday September 6	Victorian Schools Super Series Lawn Bowls Championships
Monday September 16	GWR Interschool Athletics (at Ballarat)

Greater Western Region Senior Boys Basketball – Thursday August 1

Well done to our Senior Boys Interschool Basketball team (coached by Mr. Neal Simmonds) of Luke Ball, Luke Hickey, Ryleigh McVilly, Dylan Jeffery, Lachlan Stephenson and Lachlan Gass competing at the Greater Western Region Interschool Senior Basketball Championships at Ballarat on Thursday 1st August. The team played two games at the new (three week old) Wendouree Sports and Events Centre but, unfortunately, failed to win either game coming up against very strong opposition.



South West Zone of the VCTA Clay Target Championships at Noorat

Well done to Hunter Reynolds (Senior Boy) on shooting a fantastic score of 16/20. It was a very windy and cold day and the overall winner shot 18/20 in the Senior Boy Section – so close.

Also great to see some of our students attend at their first South West Zone Championship and gaining fantastic experience.

Well done to:-

Hunter Reynolds	Ashley Clarke	Brodie Foster
Stephen Benallack	Josh Sinnott	Brodie Eddy
Brodie Neale	Jasper Coverdale	Bailey Foster
Ben Thow	Connor Stares	
Lachlan Hatherall	Ingrid Bellman	



Please sell these tickets and return them to the school by October 18

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Name _____	1st Prize: 2 Nights Accommodation at Auldy's on East Beach, Port Fairy https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SgVTPue9KOM
Phone _____	2nd Prize: Signed Brisbane Lions Football Jumper
	3rd Prize: 2 Cinema tickets plus Meal for Two at The Hairy Goat in Warrnambool
	4th Prize: \$100 Food Voucher Ritchies IGA Cobden
	5th Prize: \$100 Fuel Voucher Matthews Cobden Roadhouse
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FUNDRAISING

CTS WEIGHTS GYM UPGRADE RAFFLE

Stage 1 of the CTS weights gym upgrade is well underway. **Planning** of the layout of the space, the upgrading of the physical structure (glass doors, flooring and painting) is being quoted and so too is the new circuit-style equipment (spin bikes, resistance bands, rowing-machine).

The space promises to fulfil many purposes in our school community.

- 1) Educational – VCE and junior PE classes are required to complete training programs as a part of their assessments.
- 2) Easier to Access – a big financial save on travel to and from the school to access external facilities. Open the door and we are away.
- 3) Engaging and Enjoyable – the space will be incorporated into many classes, before school and lunchtime sessions for the whole school community. A fresh paint job and rubber matting also help. Spin sessions, circuit sessions, high-intensity interval sessions + weights sessions are all aimed at releasing the endorphins and improve mental and physical health.
- 4) Easier to supervise – Glass doors will allow greater connection to the two gyms and more connection between the area.
- 5) Enter the current era – a lot of the equipment is outdated and/or broken so the upgrade will go a long way to modernising our facilities.

Stage 2 – Fundraising. This will increase over the next two months to coincide with the 50 year CTS reunion celebrations. We are selling old gym equipment (CTS facebook page) but the main fundraiser is a raffle which will be drawn on the 20th of October (Sunday of the Spring festival). Tickets are only \$2 and our terrific prizes consist of:

1st prize: 2 night's accommodation at Auldy's on East Beach, Port Fairy. Check this out on the following web address. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SgVTPue9KOM>

2nd prize: A signed Brisbane Lions Football Jumper.

3rd prize: 2 cinema tickets plus "Meal for Two" at The Hairy Goat in Warrnambool.

4th prize: \$100 Food Voucher at Ritchies IGA stores.

5th prize: \$100 Fuel Voucher at Matthews Cobden Roadhouse.

Please contact the school if you would be interested in selling a book/s of 10 raffle tickets. Additionally, purchase some tickets at the front office personally or through your son/daughter or use the tickets on the page prior to this one.

Stage 3 will be the purchase of the equipment.

Stage 4 will be work on the physical space.

Stage 5 will be the opening.

Thanks for your support.

Ryan McCluggage.

