



COBDEN TECHNICAL SCHOOL

Committed to Students, Committed to Success

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Term 1 Week 2
8 February, 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:	Jodie Watson (President)	Sue Clarke (Vice President)
Liz Roberts	Rae Bellman	Rebecca Perriss
	Amy Veenstra	Matt Clarke

Please note : The Girls School Winter Skirt needs to be ordered at Reichas prior to the 28th February, 2019

Cost - \$80 Skirt

Principal

Rohan Keert

Welcome to Cobden Technical School for the start of the 2019 school year. It's always exciting to welcome back our staff and students and a privilege to see our new Year 7 students raring to go. Mrs Crevola (Assistant Principal) and I both look forward to joining Mrs McLennan, Mr Simmonds and the Year 7 students on the Port Fairy activity day on Friday 8th February.

Our staff have been well prepared to ensure a smooth start for all students. We have been very busy with enrolment interviews for new students who are entering our school across a range of year levels.

Staff Changes

We welcome the following new faces to our staff:

- Mrs. Cassandra Crevola as Assistant Principal and Year 12 English teacher;
- Abbey Richardson-Tobias as a gap year trainee in office admin and classroom support; and
- Graeme Galbraith as instrumental teacher to run a rock bands program, one day per week in 2019.

CTS Parents Club

The CTS Parent's Club met this week. They will continue their excellent support of facilities improvement and events. In 2019, the Parent's Club will be the organising committee for the Debutante Ball.

The CTS school sign was erected on the 8th January this year. Look out for it as you drive past.

Swimming Sports

Summer means swimming sports on Friday 15th February. We will be starting at recess after a normal morning program at school. Our student leaders will be running a free BBQ and leading non-pool novelty events out of the water to complement the water-based swimming races and novelty events. I have been training for the staff vs students swimming relay. I hope our Year 12 students have been training too. Parents and students are reminded that the swimming sports is a whole school event and attendance is compulsory to this fun day.

Phone Issues

We apologise for any phone issues over the past week. These are outside our control and are being investigated by Telstra. We hope to have full communication up and running very soon.

Assistant Principal

Cassandra Crevola

Over the past week I have been delighted to return and join the Cobden Technical School community as Assistant Principal as we commence the 2019 school year. I have had the opportunity to meet with many families, students and our new Year 7s and it has been lovely to share in the excitement of the new year.

Mentor Meetings

We were very pleased to see our students and families as they arrived to meet with mentors last week and we thank families for their participation in this process. It is invaluable to be able to take time to share the start of the 2019 school year with you as we work together to support students in their learning.

Year 7 Port Fairy Activity Day

Our Year 7s will be venturing to Port Fairy on Friday for an activity day to spend some time sharing skills and getting to know their teachers and each other in a different setting. We look forward to this challenging and fun day with the students and to the stories that they'll be bringing back to us next week.

Year 12 Students

Our Year 12 students have also made a terrific start to their final year at Cobden Technical School, with students proudly wearing their new Year 12 jumpers – despite the heat of recent weeks! The Year 12s will also have a day-long retreat in coming weeks, with some time dedicated to explore future pathway options.



BREAKFAST CLUB

Every
Wednesday and Friday
8.30-9am
Jonno's Shed
Starting Wednesday 6th
February
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.

Geelong Football Club Visit

We are lucky to have the opportunity of a Geelong Football Club visit by a number of players on Tuesday 12th February. Students will have opportunity to meet the players – and we also have a number of staff very keen for autographs! We look forward to sharing our star-struck photos with you in the next newsletter edition.

School Photos

School photo day is coming up on 12th March and we will be sending home further information about photographs at school, along with details about the ordering process, in coming weeks. This calendar date is a timely reminder about the importance of wearing appropriate uniform to school at all times; students should bring a note from home when they are unable to be in full uniform. The uniform includes the wearing of the school hat when outside in the summer months.

Compass

We also encourage families to double-check their access to Compass as we start the new year. We recommend that families log into Compass frequently and notify the school if you are having any difficulties with passwords – we can reset these on request and we're also happy to support you with how to use Compass. The App is available on smartphones for easy access – be sure to look for 'Compass School Manager'.

Calendar

WEEK	DATE	EVENT
	TERM 1	
3	Monday, 11 th February	•
	Tuesday, 12 th February	• 7-10 - AFL players appearance - Geelong Football Club
	Friday, 15 th February	• Swimming sports
4	Monday, 18 th February	• Senior boys cricket at Timboon
	Friday, 22 nd February	• GP Superbikes Excursion – Dirt Bike Team 2019
5	Monday, 25 th February	•
	Tuesday, 26 th February	• HSSSD Swimming at Terang
	Wednesday, 27 th February	• Year 12 trip to Deakin University, Geelong
6	Monday, 4 th March	•
	Tuesday, 5 th March	• Athletics House meetings • 7 Session Day
	Wednesday, 6 th March	• GWV Cricket Ballarat (if we qualify)
7	Monday, 11 th March	• LABOUR DAY HOLIDAY
	Tuesday, 12 th March	• School Photos
	Friday, 15 th March	• 7 Session day • National Day of Action Against Bullying
8	Monday, 18 th March	•
	Tuesday, 19 th March	• CTS Athletics
	Thursday, 28 th March	• Western District Tertiary Information Service - Yr 12 in Camperdown
	Friday, 29 th March	• HSSSD Athletics in Camperdown
10	Monday, 1 st April	•
	Friday, 5 th April	• Last Day of Term 1

VCE News

Sarah Cook

Welcome back to all students. It's wonderful to see and hear students engaged in many different learning activities and displaying great enthusiasm. Most students should have been given schedules and assessment dates for their individual classes. It is important that students take notes of these dates and if there are any questions talk to their teachers. It is imperative that if a student will be away, and they know prior to class, that they let their teachers know. It is a requirement that a student must be in attendance for at least 80% of scheduled class time to satisfactorily complete each VCE unit. Therefore, if a student is absent due to a medical reason, a doctor certificate is required to be handed in to the general office. It is up to the students to ensure that they catch up on any missed work.

Year 12 students received their jumpers last week and look fantastic, reminder that they still need to be in full school uniform. Students were also briefed about the CTS Student Driving Policy. Students need to sign the agreement form as well as their parent/ guardian and students must fill in details of their vehicle. If students will be transporting another student to school, they are required to fill in a separate section alongside their own parent/guardian and the other student's parent/guardian. These forms will be in the Year 12 Room for them to obtain and fill in if they intend on driving to/from school once they get their license.

This year we have numerous students completing a distance education class. I am also the school based coordinator if students have any problems and need any extra support. Please make sure they make contact with myself and their distance education teacher. All students should now have computer access to the online system and assessment details and schedules.

On Wednesday 27th February, all Year 12 students will be attending a day trip to Geelong. We will be visiting Deakin University exploring TAFE options and we will also be completing some adventure activities. It will be a fantastic day and a great opportunity for students to spend some time together building relationships. Students will be receiving their permission forms by next week. Jo Brooks and Annette Hickey have worked hard on this day making it interesting, fun and informative for all VCAL and VCE students and all students are expected to attend.

Careers

Annette Hickey –Careers Coordinator

Yr 11 Work Experience

Applications for Terms 3 and 4 of the 2019 Victoria Police Work Experience Program will open from midday on Monday 11 February 2019. CTS can nominate one student to take part in this program.

The Victoria Police Work Experience Program provides a fantastic opportunity for secondary school students considering a career within Victoria Police. Students are placed at participating police stations and department units where they will have the opportunity to observe and learn from our Police Officers, Protective Services Officers, Protective Custody Officers and VPS personnel.

It is strongly advised that only students with a genuine interest in a career with Victoria Police are nominated for the program.

Applications will close 4:00pm Friday 15 March 2019. No applications will be accepted after this time. Please see Mrs. Hickey ASAP if you are interested in applying.



EVERY DAY COUNTS

Every day counts

Secondary School Attendance

Going to school every day is the single most important part of your teenager's education. Students learn new things at school every day – missing school puts them behind.

School is better when your teenager is there

Why it's important

We all want our students to get a great education, and the building blocks for a great education begin with students coming to school each and every day.

Students develop good habits by going to school every day – habits that are necessary to succeed after school, whether in the workplace or in further study.

Missing school can have a big impact on students academically and socially. It can affect their test results, including VCE & VCAL, and, just as importantly, it can affect their relationships with other students, and lead to social isolation.

There is no safe number of days for missing school – each day a student misses puts them behind, and can affect their educational outcomes.

Each missed day is associated with falling behind in subject topics and assessment tasks, and lead to fewer subject choices and may impact on achievement in years 11 and 12 and post-school pathways.

Getting in early

It's never too late to improve attendance. Even in the middle years, when school can seem the most challenging for students and when attendance rates can be at their lowest, going to school more often can make a big difference. **Every day counts.**

Schools are there to help – if you're having attendance issues with your child, speak to your school about ways to address those issues.

In Victoria school is compulsory for children and young people aged 6 – 17 years

Student Absences

The main reasons for absence are:

Sickness – There are always times when students need to miss school, such as when they're ill. It's vital that they're only away on the days they are genuinely sick, and setting good sleep patterns, eating well and exercising regularly can make a big difference.

Family holidays - It's vital that holidays are planned during school holidays where possible, and not during the term. If you are planning to go on holiday during term time, make sure that you talk to your school in advance, and work with them to develop an absence learning plan.

"Day off" – Think twice before letting your teenager have a "day off" as they could fall behind their classmates – every day counts.

Truancy – This is when students choose not to go to school without their parent’s permission or skip out of school during the day. There can be many reasons for truancy; the best way to address this is for schools and parents to work together.

While all absences can effect academic performance, DET’s statistics show that unexcused absences are a much stronger indicator of lower reading and maths achievement.

School refusal - School refusing children experience significant emotional distress not only when going to school but also at the thought of going to school; they may be absent from school for weeks or even months at a time. School refusal differs from truancy as children generally stay home with the knowledge of the parents and despite their best efforts to encourage their child to go to school. See: [My child or teenager has anxiety](#)

Being away from school for 1 day a fortnight equals missing 1.5 years over 13 years of school

If your teenager is away

If for any reason your teenager must miss school, there are things you can do with your school to ensure they don’t fall behind:

- Inform the school via your teen’s Form/Home Room teacher or Year Level Coordinator
- Find out what work your teenager needs to do to keep up.
- Develop an absence learning plan with your teenager’s teacher and ensure they complete the plan.

Remember, every day counts. If your teenager must miss school, speak with your home room teacher or year level coordinator as early as possible.

Openly communicating with your teenager’s school about all absences is a good way to prevent attendance issues being escalated to a School Attendance Officer. A School Attendance Officer is a Department of Education and Training Regional Director who has authority to follow up attendance issues. Chronic or ongoing attendance issues that are escalated can lead to an Infringement Notice being issued to parent/s.

If you’re having attendance issues with your teenager, please let the year level coordinator, wellbeing coordinator, principal or other relevant staff member know so you can work together to get your teen to school every day.

Top attendance tips for parents

- Schools want to work in partnership with parents – act early if you have any concerns by contacting your child’s school and asking for advice and support
- Remember that every day counts
- There is no safe number of days for missing school – each day a student misses puts them behind, and can affect their educational outcomes and their social connectedness
- Talk positively about school and the importance of attending every day
- Open and prompt communication with your child’s school about all absences is a good idea
- Avoid making routine medical and dental appointments during the school day or planning family holidays during the term
- Seek help from your school if you are concerned about your child’s attendance and wellbeing. Schools want to work in partnership with parents to support student attendance and wellbeing.

Further information

For more information and resources to help address attendance issues, visit:

www.education.vic.gov.au/school/parents/behaviour/Pages/studentattendance.aspx

Sport

Belinda Savage – Sports Coordinator

2019 – Term 1 -We again have a VERY busy term ahead with lots of sports and dates to be aware of. Please mark the following dates in your diary. If at any time you require any information regarding any particular sports or dates, please contact me.

Upcoming Events – Save the dates

Friday	15 th February	Swimming Sports
Monday	18 th February	Senior Boys Cricket (at Timboon)
Tuesday	26 th February	HSSSD Interschool Swimming (at Terang)
Tuesday	19 th March	Athletics Sports
Friday	29 th March	HSSSD Interschool Athletics (at Camperdown)

Cobden Technical School Swimming Carnival - Will be held at the Cobden Swimming Pool on Friday 15th February (Note change of time)

- **All students – compulsory attendance:-** Entry to the pool will be free and points will be awarded for attendance of each student and also for dressing in house colours. There will also be a lucky entrance prize along with lots of NON swimming activities and novelty swimming events.
- **All students are to bring bathers, towel, sunhat**
- Bus travel will be the same as normal, students will get off the bus at school, students will attend Sessions 1 and 2, and then will be transferred by bus to the pool at 11 am to the Cobden Swimming Pool. The reverse will happen at the end of the day, all bus travellers will be transported by bus back to school before catching their normal bus home.
- Students are reminded to wear appropriate clothing: shirts, hats, etc. and lots of sunscreen. Appropriate swimwear is required – it is hard to swim your best when you are soaked in baggy clothing. And, do not forget, to wear your House colours in support.
- **A free BBQ lunch will be provided to all students,** but please bring your own snacks and water. The pool canteen will be available during the day as well.
- Parents are most welcome. There may even be some parents who would like to assist in some way. If so, please contact the school and let us know – this would be greatly appreciated.
- **There will be no pass-outs from the pool at all** – unless a parent personally collects a student from the pool

2018 HSSSD Summer Sports Day – Year 7 – 9

I would like to say a big thank you to all the students who participated in the Year 7 to 9 Summer Sports day. Also, a big thank you to Brett Taylor, for convening AFL 9's, and Ryan McCluggage, for convening the Volleyball at Cobden.

Thank you to Carl Trewin, Pat Wallace and Leonie Wallace for your expertise in coaching the two Soccer teams and also coming away with a great victory.



Jen McLennan, Sarah Cook and Jason Beveridge for assisting at the Golf in Camperdown, and Raewyn Poumako and Jerin Joseph for coaching Tennis.



Members of our Lawn bowls team, Noah Mungean and Joe Hutt with their coach Michael Nixon, receiving their Sports Day Award from Belinda Savage.



Pierre de Coubertin Award



Congratulations to our 2018 award recipient Ally Jeffery. The Pierre de Coubertin Award recognises students who are active participants in sport and display the Olympic ideals of fair play and sportsmanship. The respective State Olympic Council administers the Awards in each state. Students must be enrolled in Year 10, 11 or 12, have participated actively in the school physical education program with a consistently positive attitude, and demonstrate the attributes consistent with the fundamental aims of the Olympic movement. The students must have represented the school in at least one sport on the current Olympic program; and participated in at least two other sports (individual or team). Ally was also required to write a Literacy piece about:-

Ally had a very busy year, winning the Aged Champion in Athletics, Cross Country, (also being the first female runner home), representing the school at HSSSD, for Athletics and Cross Country, qualifying for the GWR in Athletics and also qualifying and attending at the State Athletics Championships in Melbourne. Ally was also very actively involved in the netball and girls football both at school and out of school hours. Ally also represented the school at Equestrian events. Well done on your award Ally.

School Sport Victoria – Academic and Sporting Achievement Medal



Congratulations to Tanner Fratantaro on being awarded the Medal, which recognises the most outstanding student in the school who has achieved a high level academically, combined with the strong sporting contribution to the school.

Tanner was the aged champion in Swimming, and Cross Country. He also represented the school at HSSSD and GWR levels for swimming, Athletics and Cross Country. Tanner also competed Cricket, Football and was a member of the Football Academy. Well done Tanner on a great year.

Cobden Technical School Sports Award

Congratulations to Leigh Ball on an outstanding year in sport. Leigh competed at the Swimming, Athletics and Cross Country events. Leigh was the Aged Champion at the Athletics and the Cross Country events. He was also the first runner home in the Cross Country in a super fast time. Leigh represented the school at the HSSSD Athletics and Cross Country. And also devoted his time to the Senior Boys Football and Cricket teams. And was an enthusiastic Motorcross rider. Well done Leigh on a great year.



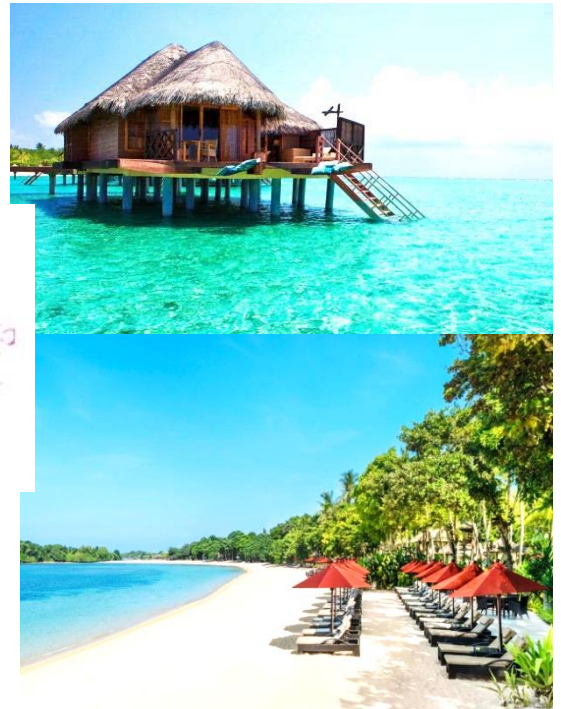
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JUNIOR GOLF COMP

SUNDAYS FROM 9:30 to 11am - 7 HOLES

- * For anyone under 18 - no cost to play
- * Golf clubs available to use
- * Tee off from red tees
- * Replace from rough back onto fairway
- * Count shots to get on the green only
- * Free soft drink and chips after the round

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"THE GREATEST SHOWMAN"

MOVIE NIGHT

ONE NIGHT EVENT

FRIDAY

FEBRUARY 15TH @ 7PM

MOVIE STARTS AT DUSK, BBQ & CHIPS AVAILABLE

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BreastScreen Victoria's Mobile Screening Service is coming to Cobden

Appointments from:
12 Mar – 25 Mar 2019
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Centre
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COBDEN ANGLING CLUB INC

WHITE ELEPHANT SALE

SUNDAY 10th FEBRUARY 2018

AUCTION COMMENCING AT 10:30AM
at LAKE ELINGAMITE

5KM FROM COBDEN OFF THE WARRNAMBOOL RD
OR ELINGAMITE NORTH RD

FOLLOW THE SIGNS

WANTED

ITEMS TO SELL
DONATION OR ON COMMISSION

MORE INFORMATION PH. 0488351603

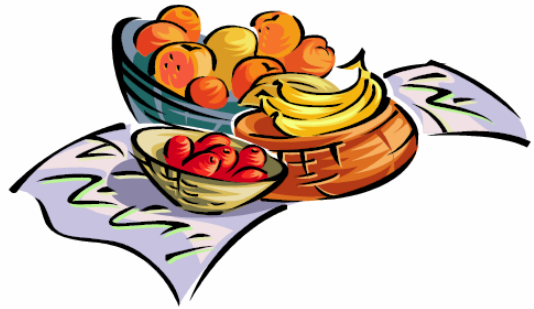
GOODS TO ARRIVE BETWEEN 10am & 4 pm THE DAY PRIOR
TO THE SALE

LUNCH AVAILABLE

2019 CANTEEN PRICE LIST

These prices are now in effect. If prices change you will be notified.

Amended January 2019



Potato pies	\$4.70	Pasties	\$4.70
Chitticks meat pies	\$4.50	Vegie Pasties	\$4.70
Clarkes beef pies	\$4.50	Hot dogs	\$3.50
Clarkes Egg, Bacon & Cheese	\$4.70		
Chicken Medallions	\$1.00	Hot roasted rolls	\$4.50
Chicken Tenders (Mondays, Wednesday and Friday only)	\$1.50	(Chicken & cheese, ham, cheese & tomato, pineapple – extra 10c) – orders only	
Dim Sims (Tuesday & Thursday only)	\$1.00	Sausage Roll	\$3.00
		School pies	\$3.00
Dim Sim roll with 2 (Tuesday & Thursday only)	\$3.00	Sausage Roll in a roll	\$4.00
Dim Sim roll with 3 (Tuesday & Thursday only)	\$4.00	School Pie in a roll	\$4.00
Bread Roll with Sauce	\$1.00	Fantastic Noodles (Chicken)	\$3.00
Bread Roll buttered (orders only)	\$1.00	Muffins	\$2.50
Salad Rolls: Ham or Chicken (White or multi-grain)			
Possible fillings below			
lettuce, tomato, beetroot, grated carrot, cheese, butter & mayo (Orders only)			\$5.00
Salad Rolls: No Meat (White or multi-grain)			
lettuce, tomato, beetroot, grated carrot, cheese, butter & mayo (Orders only)			\$4.00
Cakes			
Hedgehog Slice, Jelly Slice, Peppermint Slice			\$1.50
Toasted Sandwiches: Bring your own sandwiches from home. .20c to the SRC			
Drinks:			
Nippy's Reduced Fat flavoured Milk: Chocolate, Strawberry, Iced Coffee, Honeycomb, Banana	\$2.50	Fresha Juice: Orange, Apple & Blackcurrant	\$2.50
Fruit Box: Orange & Tropical	\$1.50	Water	\$1.50
Focus Sports Drink: Raspberry, Blackcurrant, Orange, Fruitfest	\$2.00		
Assorted icy-poles, ice-creams, also available.			



All students are encouraged to order their lunches at morning recess as they will not necessarily be able to obtain what they would like if they leave it to chance. Lunch orders will be distributed during the first 10 minutes of lunch before all other students have access to the canteen.