



COBDEN TECHNICAL SCHOOL

Committed to Students, Committed to Success

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What would you like included?

Term 4 Week 3
October 22, 2020

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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Ingrid Bellman (Student)

Liz Roberts (Vice President)
Rachel Kerr (Student)

Principal

Rohan Keert

As we return from what has been the most unusual year in many of our students' lives, we're very happy to be back onsite and looking forward to celebrating the end of formal schooling for many of our Year 12 students. The work that they have put in during a year when most of the conventional rites of passage have been unattainable for these students has been incredible. We have appreciated the good humour, hard work and leadership that our Year 12s have put into this year and their input into the activities and celebrations that are shaping their final weeks. This draws to a close 13 years of schooling for many of this group and, after so many years of your support, care and love for these young people, we can let them move forward independently, knowing that they have been well prepared for the life ahead. We wish them well in their final assessments and we are still looking towards hosting a dinner for Year 12 students and families, within COVID-Safe regulations, if this is at all possible for our community.

Pupil Free Day

In line with many other schools in our region, Monday 2nd November is a pupil free day, followed by the Melbourne Cup public holiday on Tuesday 3rd November. Our staff are busily preparing for a professional learning day. We hope that you take this time to relax and share the weekend with family, and we hope for some more relaxed COVID restrictions to make this long weekend enjoyable.

Hats, Masks and Uniform

As the weather warms up (perhaps this is wishful thinking?) and school resumes, we're happy to see our students make their way to school in something other than the 'COVID uniform' of trackies and hoodies. A reminder that students need to be staying SunSmart during this term, with hats needed outdoors during break times. Being a SunSmart school, we have the SunSmart widget on our school website, giving the UV rating each day to remind us how important it is to protect ourselves.

As my glasses fog up while I type, it's also a good time to remind everyone to keep their masks on during the school day. We've been very pleased to see students in some very impressive and creative masks at school. We have a supply of single-use masks at the front office on the occasions when these are needed for students or staff.

Indoor Community Sport - Details of easing of restrictions from Cobden Recreation Centre from 11:59pm 1st November:

- Non-contact sport for those aged 18 years and under
- Non-contact sport means a sport capable of being done with a distance of 1.5m, including recreational classes
- Spectators limited to one parent, guardian or carer only, where the child requires parental supervision.

Prior to any sports resuming it is recommended that sporting clubs refer to their state sporting authority's 'return to play' guidelines, including requirements relating to training and multiple groups on a court.

It is vital that all participants keep up good basic hygiene practices and social distancing measures including:

- Cover your coughs and sneezes with your elbow or a tissue
- Put used tissues straight into the bin
- Wash your hands often with soap and water
- Use alcohol-based hand sanitisers
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth
- 1.5m social distancing.

MAD - Media and Design

I've spent the first of our new MAD classes getting to know our Year 7 and 8 students' creative talents as Mrs Crevola and I begin to share our love for Media and Design with our youngest students. This new subject feeds into a pathway through the Arts and Technologies in the junior years into the creative and technical subjects that our students explore through the middle years. This pathway will enable our students broader access to a range of career fields. Keep an eye on our Facebook page for updates on their awesome creations.

Welcome back!

Also stepping into the Media and Design space, as well as working in the Phys Ed Department, is former student and preservice teacher Ryan Smith. It's great to have Ryan back on board and to see the diverse range of pathways that our students explore beyond CTS. He was also a fantastic addition to our team in the Staff v Year 12 students Soccer match last week - which staff won, of course.

Cobden Tech in the Community - Facebook and our Website

I thoroughly enjoyed hosting our Facebook Live assembly with School Captain Ingrid Bellman at the end of Term 3. Thanks to all of those who joined in on Facebook, adding comments and feedback, and to those who caught up on the video later on. We've also taken on your feedback, with some new equipment for running these arriving at school this week. We're looking forward to hosting further assemblies via Facebook Live later this term - it's likely that our End of Year Assembly will run this way. Stay posted for further information as the term progresses.

Assistant Principal

Cassandra Crevola

As we settle back into something a little more familiar, it's lovely to have students back onsite and in classes as we head into the warmer weather. We've planned a number of activities and events to support students' return to school and to help make our final term for 2020 engaging and memorable for something other than COVID!

We're currently revising our end-of-year dates and programs, with slightly different plans due to COVID. We will send through details shortly, including plans for our End of Year Assembly.

Camps and Excursions

Students across the school will have the opportunity to engage in activities off site in coming weeks with their peers. Our Year 9 and 10 students have the upcoming excursion to the Trees Adventure in Yeodene, our 7s and 8s are looking forward to their camp and our 11s and 12s have end of year excursions to celebrate their hard work. Keep an eye out for permission forms for these coming home over the next few weeks.

Activities and House Events

We also have a range of activities planned for students on-site, with House Leaders and House Captains running lunchtime activities each week. Glenfyne ran a much-appreciated Pancake Morning last week, with lots of students and staff lining up (in a socially-distanced way!) for a taste of the pancake creations. Tandarook and Shenfield have activities coming up next week and students are encouraged to get on board and have a go.

The Inter-house competition continues at lunchtimes, with soccer kicking off the term last week and Footy Colours day on Thursday in anticipation of the AFL Grand Final on the weekend.

Canteen

The canteen will operate slightly differently in Term 4, with details as follows:

- Monday and Tuesdays - Lunch orders
- Thursdays - Canteen open
- Wednesday and Fridays - Toasties available

Booklists

Important- Warrnambool Books now have a new trading name "Campion Education - Warrnambool". They are still at 169 Fairy Street Warrnambool. Their phone number is 03 55629400. Feel free to contact them if you need assistance.

Your early Resource List is now live on the Campion website. There is a link on the school website which will take you straight to the Cobden Tech booklist. You will also find instructions on how to do so. The final ordering date (October 25) is fast approaching.

Please note: early resource lists will expire on or shortly after the return date. You will still be able to obtain the books, but you will have to go to Campion in Warrnambool in person to do so.

Education Support/Administration Trainee – Cobden

Cobden, Full Time



Westvic Staffing Solutions, in partnership with Cobden Technical School, have an exciting opportunity for a Trainee to join their team commencing late January 2021.

This Traineeship position fills an important role in supporting teachers in the classroom environment to ensure the smooth and efficient running of their programs at all times. The successful applicant will also have a small role working in the main office as an Administrator.

The successful applicant will display:

- A professional, positive and friendly disposition
- Good time management
- Great work ethic
- The ability to handle competing deadlines
- Strong problem-solving skills.

Gap year students are encouraged to apply.

All enquiries are to be directed to Jacob Rhodes at jrhodes@westvic.org.au or 0417 125 627. Applications close at 5pm on Friday 30th October, 2020.

Calendar 2020

TERM 4		
WEEK 4	DATE	EVENT
Monday	October 26	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> School Council Dental Van on-site Timboon Trestle Bridge Rail Trail
Tuesday	October 27	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Super Hero Dress Up Day
WEEK 5	DATE	EVENT
Monday	November 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pupil Free Day – Staff PD
Tuesday	November 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> MELBOURNE CUP
Friday	November 6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Final Day for Year 12
WEEK 6	DATE	EVENT
Monday	November 9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Trees Adventure – Yeodene Park
Tuesday	November 10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> VCE English exam 9 am
Wednesday	November 11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Port Fairy Camp – Years 7 & 8
Thursday	November 12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Port Fairy Camp – Years 7 & 8
Friday	November 13	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Port Fairy Camp – Years 7 & 8 VCE Year 12 Further Maths Exam (1) - 2 pm
WEEK 7	DATE	EVENT
Monday	November 16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> VCE Year 12 Further Maths Exam (2) – 9 am
Thursday	November 19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> VCE Health & Human Development Exam – 3 pm
WEEK 8	DATE	EVENT
Wednesday	November 25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> VCE Year 12 Physical Education Exam - 3 pm
Thursday	November 26	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> VCE Year 12 Food Studies Exam – 9 am
Friday	November 27	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Last day for Year 11
WEEK 9	DATE	EVENT
Tuesday	December 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> VCE Indonesian Second Language Exam - 11.45 am
Friday	December 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> End of Year 10
WEEK 10	DATE	EVENT
Monday	December 7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> School Council
Friday	December 11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> End of Year Assembly Last day of Year 7 – 9 Classes (TBC)



Check out our schools
Facebook page
We are updating regularly
Share our page with your
friends
Instagram will be
coming soon.

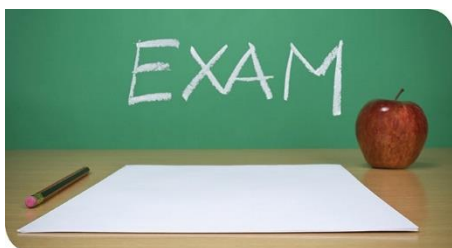
VCE News

Sarah Cook

Well done to all of our senior students for the positive way in which they have settled back into classes at school. It is a very busy time as many are finishing off School Assessed Coursework and others are beginning exam preparation. Vet and VCAL students are also working hard to demonstrate competency in their modules and undertake practical activities that they couldn't do remotely. School attendance is still compulsory during this time and necessary to ensure you meet the attendance requirements to satisfactorily pass your units. Remember to let your teachers know if you need any extra support with your school work and if you require help in other ways such as mental health, wellbeing and careers, that we are able to also help you as we have resources we can provide and services at school including a school nurse and wellbeing team.

EXAMS

Congratulations to our VCE Unit $\frac{3}{4}$ students who completed the GAT in the first week of Term 4 and Ingrid for undertaking her Language oral component for Indonesian. Procedures and processes are in place to ensure that it is a COVID safe environment and this all means that students are required to wear masks during their exam. The English exam is the first exam for all of our students, on the Tuesday 10th November and students have been provided with an exam booklet and should know what items they are and are not allowed to bring. Reminder that it is full school uniform and mobile phones are not to be brought to the exam centre. Students will still be attending classes until their final day Friday 6th November and after this are still available for any extra support up until each exam. Best of luck to all students completing a Unit $\frac{3}{4}$ subject.



Year 12 Last day

Year 12 will have their final school day Friday 6th November, again this will look a little different this year due the COVID restrictions. There won't be any formal classes for Year 12 students this day and we will be looking to live stream a special farewell before the students will head to an outdoor adventure activity. Students will receive more information about this activity this week.

**KEEP
CALM
AND
Survive these last
Weeks of school**

Year 11



Year 11 Students are currently organising jumpers for next year. Students and teachers wishing to purchase will need to pay their money, \$85, directly to the office by Monday 7th November as once the order is finalised no changes can be made. Please see Mrs Cook for any questions. Plans are in place for Year 11 students' final weeks at school with an upgrade program to commence their classes for next year. If there are any questions about students pathways, subject selections or careers please get in contact with Annette Hickey (Careers Coordinator).

School Nurse

Melissa Benson

Welcome back to Term 4.

Returning to school is great in many aspects – catching up with friends, getting out of the house and being active again. But many may miss the relaxed atmosphere that home schooling allowed. It may take time to adapt to the changes and settling back into school routine.

I hope everyone – students and staff – give each other the support to refocus their attentions towards school-based learning once again.

I am available on Wednesdays and Thursdays for confidential discussions if required. My door is always open.



Tips to support return to school

- Enjoy time away from screens
- Follow a new routine
- Get enough sleep
- Be aware that social circles may change
- Show support and encouragement
- Make time to talk – communication
- Enjoy nature – take a walk
- Exercise and healthy eating



Games Club & Charity Club

Julie White-Richardson

I have started a Games Club on Tuesday and Thursday lunch times (mostly bingo). We meet in the undercover area near the canteen.



Our Charity Club is called Cheeky Charity Club, or the 3 C's. Meetings take place Friday lunch time. The club will be ready to start next week.

We are making greeting cards for a local Children's charity.

News from the Kitchen and the Garden

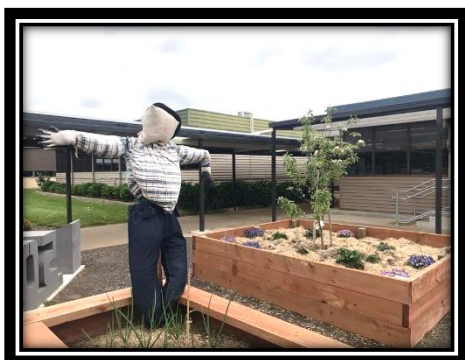
Jen McLennan

It was fantastic to spend our first week face to face learning cooking up a storm in the kitchen. Year 11 students completed the practical component of a SAC, the year 9 and 10 students made Lasagne with Apricot and Chocolate Souffle, and the Year 12's had their last cooking session EVER in the kitchen, cooking recipes of their choice.

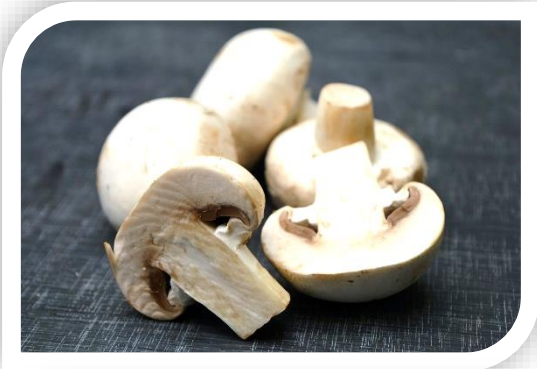
It was a bittersweet celebration of their time with me, and I am very proud of what they have achieved in this class.



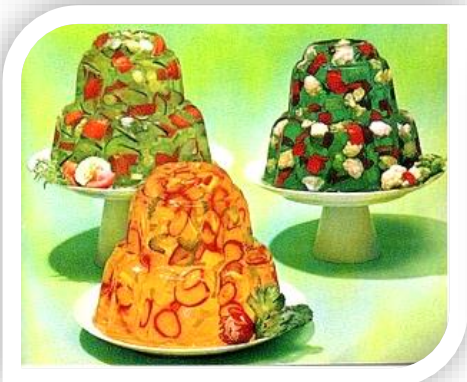
In the kitchen garden, year 9 and 10 students went to work weeding and planting- we now have a great variety of crops, including eggplant, zucchini, tomatoes, onions, potatoes, beetroot and more. One plant of great interest is our globe artichoke- hopefully we'll harvest this one soon and be introduced to some new and interesting food! Our beloved scarecrows also got some much needed TLC- Big Kev and Bruce (AKA The Unnamed Scarecrow) are now standing tall in our Garden.



What would your answer be?



**Question from the Kitchen:
We asked students and teachers:
If 2020 was a food, what would it be?**



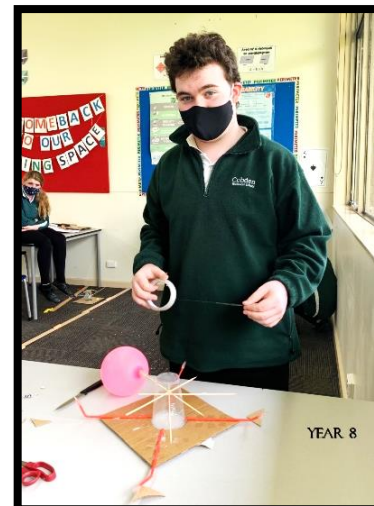
STEAM Project – ‘Sphero Battle Bot Challenge’



Students in Year 8, 9 and 10 Mathematics classes commenced their return to school following Remote Learning with a Sphero Battle Bot Challenge.

The students were required to work in teams and to use their design thinking skills to build a battle shell for their Sphero. Sphero SPRK+ is a programmable robot ball designed to inspire creativity and curiosity through coding and play

Each team was given the same supplies to build their Battle Bot: Sphero, plastic cup, balloon, 4 x straws, 4 x pins, 4 x skewers.



The battle took place in an arena where each teams’ bot competed to be the last bot standing.





Junior training at the Nirranda Cricket Club starts Thursday evening October 8th at the Nirranda Recreation Reserve.

Training will commence at 5pm and conclude as close to 6.30pm as possible. Strict COVID regulations and protocols must be followed.

We will have specialist training and drills for all of our junior cricketers, U11's, U13's, U15's, U17's and U17 girls. Woolworths cricket program will also run later this season. To make it easier on coaches, players and parents we request that you arrive no earlier than 4.45 and preferably before 5 o'clock if possible. This will enable the coaches to

put the players into training groups of no more than 10 and explain how training will look and operate under our current restrictions.

For a detailed explanation of how cricket will operate at the moment please visit the link below

<https://www.cricketvictoria.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/Association-and-Club-COVID19-Plan-Version-2.5-E.pdf>

If you have any questions you can contact us on Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/nirrandaknights>

Alternatively you can contact me, Glenn Dalton on 0429 176 976.

I am the junior coordinator this year at the Nirranda Knights.

To give you a good understanding of the protocols for cricket training, please read the information below which comes directly from the Cricket Victoria COVID19 plan.

COVID-19: CRICKET TRAINING SESSION PLAN

Cricket in a pandemic is a privilege – not a right! 'Get in. Train. Get Out.'

This guide has been established to support teams 'Returning to Training' under Victorian Government COVID-19 restrictions. Community clubs and teams have an obligation to strictly adhere to these protocols at every training session.

Before the session:

- Facility COVID-19 Hygiene and Social Distancing signs all up and visible.
- The 'check-in' / 'check-out' posters are available at all times & used by all training attendees.
- Any training equipment that will be used have been cleaned before use (e.g. balls, cones, stumps, bowling machines etc).
- The facility is currently closed (except toilet access). This includes changerooms & social areas. Any areas of the facility that may be touched (toilets, door handles etc)

have been cleaned before attendees arrive. Ensure enough bins are available and soap & water for the toilet area

- Every second net is only used for one on one 'throw downs' or closed for use.
- Quality sanitiser & wipes are available in easy to find locations.
- Communicate training groups to players and have designated areas for each group to store their equipment

During the Session:

- All attendee's 'check-in' and use the hand sanitiser on arrival and re-apply every 30-40 minutes
- Train in small groups (Victorian Government "Step 3" = Max of 10. "Step 4" = Max of 50).

Groups do not mix with other groups at any stage before, during or post session.

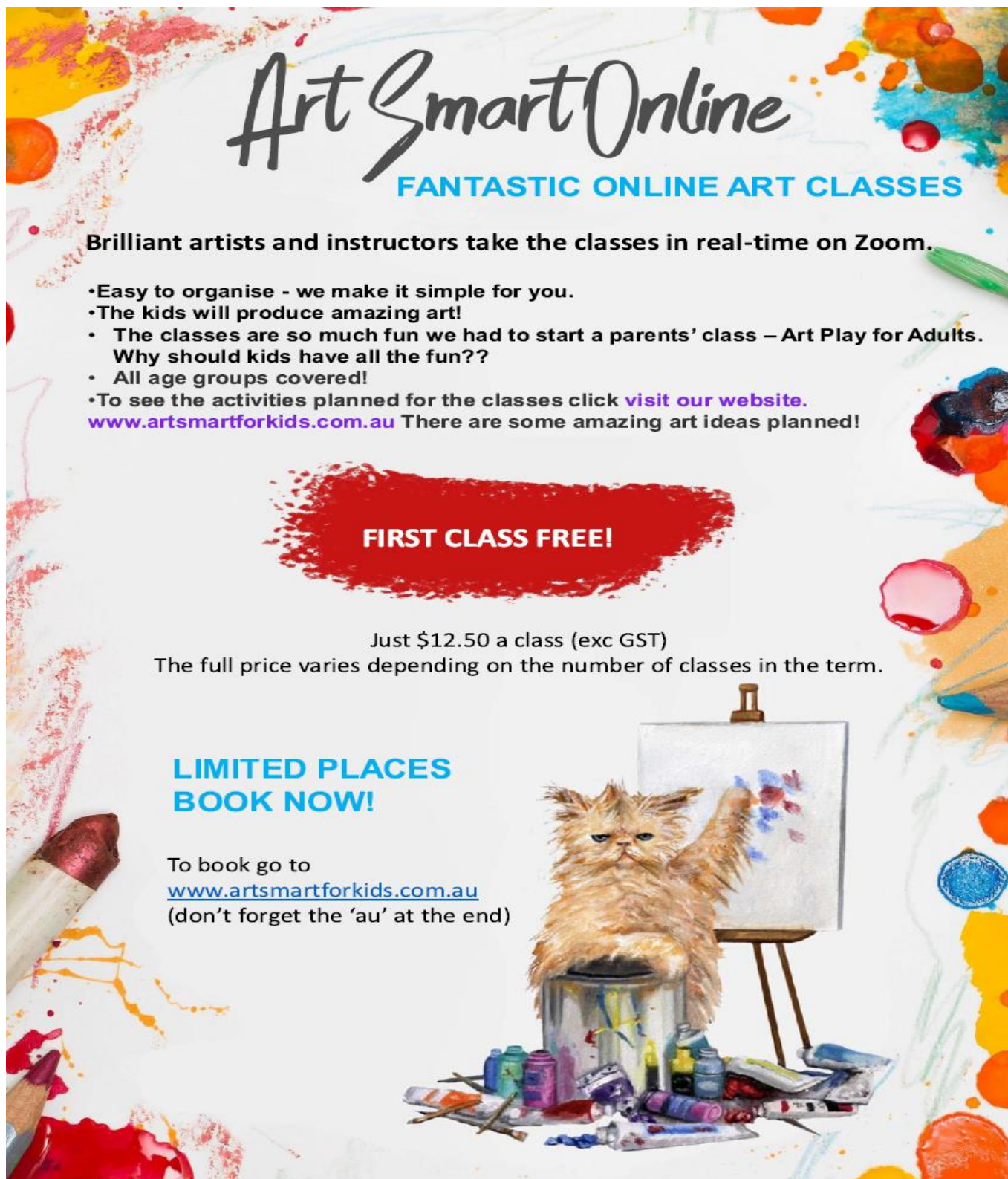
Maximum number of groups per oval is 2 plus a separate group in the nets.

An additional coach per group is permitted but they should observe the group of 10. If involved in drills, they are part of the 10.

- All attendees are to refrain from spitting, nasal clearing and shall not use sweat or saliva on the balls
- Players should be dressed ready to train and no personal playing equipment is to be shared unless it has been wiped/cleaned between each use.
- Face masks are to be worn at all times by those over 11. All players (any age) are exempt from this requirement whilst batting, bowling and fielding
- All attendees adhere to facility signage directions and maintain a 1.5m distance to others

After the session:

- All attendees are to 'sign out' via the attendance register - for contact tracing assistance
- Designated officials wipe down/spray and store any equipment that has been used (including training balls) and any facility touch points
- Store any temporary signs and sanitiser

The advertisement is set against a background of colorful paint splatters in shades of orange, yellow, red, and blue. At the top, the text 'Art Smart Online' is written in a large, black, cursive font. Below it, 'FANTASTIC ONLINE ART CLASSES' is written in a smaller, blue, sans-serif font. A bold black line of text reads 'Brilliant artists and instructors take the classes in real-time on Zoom.' Below this is a bulleted list of features: '• Easy to organise - we make it simple for you.', '• The kids will produce amazing art!', '• The classes are so much fun we had to start a parents' class – Art Play for Adults. Why should kids have all the fun??', '• All age groups covered!', and '• To see the activities planned for the classes click visit our website. www.artsmartforkids.com.au There are some amazing art ideas planned!'. A large red brushstroke graphic contains the text 'FIRST CLASS FREE!' in white. Below this, it says 'Just \$12.50 a class (exc GST)' and 'The full price varies depending on the number of classes in the term.' The text 'LIMITED PLACES BOOK NOW!' is written in blue. At the bottom, it says 'To book go to www.artsmartforkids.com.au (don't forget the 'au' at the end)'. The central image shows a fluffy orange cat sitting on a paint can, painting a butterfly on an easel. Various art supplies like paint tubes and brushes are scattered around the base of the easel.



Camperdown CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT

JOIN OUR VIRTUAL PUBLIC CHOIR!

As part of the Camperdown Carols by Candlelight virtual event (incorporating Cobden Carols in 2020), we are inviting everyone to be part of our virtual public choir for 2 songs:

'Away in a Manger' and 'We Wish You a Merry Christmas'.

The opportunity is open to all, regardless of age, ability and place of residence. It is free to be involved.

As long as you're willing to fill out the simple form, follow the instructions, film yourself singing along to the guide vocal track and submit before the deadline, we'd love you to join our project to share some Christmas cheer far and wide!

If you are interested in joining us, please go to www.camperdowntheatrecompany.com.au/carols-by-candlelight for more information.

Also, if you know of someone who might be interested, please share this with them!

Enquiries: publicityctc@gmail.com

CAROLS STREAM DATE: FRIDAY, DECEMBER 18 AT 7.30PM

Camperdown Little Athletics Centre



Family, Fun and Fitness!

Little Athletics is back again for 2020-21
For all Girls and Boys, 5 to 15 years of age.

Competition commences Friday 30th October, 4.15pm for a 4:30 start.

Due to COVID restrictions, athletes must be registered at least 24 hours prior to competition night, no walk-ins on Friday nights.

There are a number of COVID restrictions we need to abide by
please contact Kathy or Cindy for details

Venue: Aths Track, Fuller/Frederick St (behind Basketball Stadium)

Please register online at www.lavic.com.au/memberships and click on Registration to join up
New athletes can register and participate for 2 weeks before payment is due

For additional information, contact
Kathy Hallyburton (President) 0419671300 or Cindy McDougall (Secretary) 0427141028

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2021 Debutante Ball

Parents Auxiliary

Year 9 and 10 - Girls/Boys

Expression of Interest

Deb Ball

If you could please indicate to the school if you are interested in participating in the CTS Deb Ball next year. At this stage we have to wait and see what the rules and regulations surrounding COVID will be. But we are hopeful that we will run the Deb Ball in June 2021.

Depending on the numbers of students that are interested, we will then be able to decide if we need to run a combined event for yr10/yr11 students, as we did last year. Or if we have enough numbers to run it annually again. This will depend on the student's participation.

If you could please return the slip below indicating your child's name and year level so we can begin planning.

Thank you
CTS Parents Committee

CTS Debutante Ball

I am interested in participating in the CTS Debutante Ball in 2021.

Name..... Yr Level.....