



COBDEN TECHNICAL SCHOOL

Committed to Students, Committed to Success

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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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Principal

Rohan Keert

Welcome to the new school year. It has been an eventful summer in Australia. The devastating bushfires that affected South East Australia will have been on the minds of many in our community. It is also a time for communities like ours to think of ways to support schools and communities devastated by bushfires in the far east of the state. I know that there are local farmers and truck drivers in our community who have already and will continue to deliver hay to farmers in Gippsland. At times like this we are reminded of the support that the community of Cobden received from other parts of the country following the 2018 St Patricks Day bushfires. At CTS we reciprocated by cooking meals for the Blaze Aid volunteers who repaired farm fencing in our district. Throughout the year our students will explore ways to support those who have lost so much.

Coronavirus - Please continue to check our school website and or Facebook page for the latest information and advice regarding the coronavirus.

Please note : The Girls School Winter Skirt needs to be ordered at Reichas prior to the 28th February, 2020

ES Staff PD - On Monday 17th February all non-teaching staff at our school will be attending a valuable professional learning opportunity in Warrnambool along with all other education support staff from Great South Coast Network Government Schools. This means that the office will operate with a skeleton staff on this day and the canteen will not be open. I know our parents and guardians will be patient if we take a little longer to attend to any phone calls or visitors. All classes will operate as normal.

Our new courts are complete and in about a week the basketball and netball goals will be installed. To protect this wonderful asset to our school we have installed surveillance cameras in this area and will be installing additional seats and bollards around the perimeter.

The gym weights room upgrade is nearing completion and now includes a large screen TV monitor for high energy spin classes and F45 style workouts. Mr McCluggage and Mr Simmonds have already incorporated this new facility into the Health & PE curriculum.

Laptops 1:1 - In a couple of weeks' time, we will roll out our 1:1 laptop program for all students. We have purchased new laptops. Every student will be allocated their own computer for use at school. The devices are HP Chromebooks which have a flip over screen that enables the computer to be used as a touch screen tablet or as a conventional laptop with keyboard and track pad.

Mobile Phone Policy - The implementation of the new mobile phone policy has gone very smoothly. Our students have been fantastic! The very simple message from the Education Department policy is that if a student chooses to bring a phone to school, it should be kept locked in their locker from 8:55am to 3:25pm.

Farewell Jan - This week Jan Skeyhill ended her contract of employment as an Integration Aide at our school. We thank Jan for her support and dedication to our students.

Assistant Principal

Cassandra Crevola

Welcome back to 2020! It was terrific to catch up with so many families and students on Mentor Interview day last week. We appreciate families taking the time to join us in setting students up for success with these fantastic opportunities. We'd particularly like to welcome all new families and students who have joined us for the first time this year. Any families who would like support with uniform or booklist items are encouraged to contact the school.

We'd also like to welcome to our school community a number of new and returning staff:

- Peter Rock has rejoined our teaching staff as a teacher of Mathematics and Humanities;
- Andrea Stoddart has joined our Mathematics team and will also take a role in the Middle Years Literacy and Numeracy Support program;
- Ivan Taofik joins us from Indonesia and will support our Languages program, working between the Tech and Cobden Primary School;
- Stacey Henderson has returned from maternity leave and will be teaching Humanities and Health and PE;
- Sophie Hickey has joined our staff this year as a trainee and will work both in the Admin team and in classrooms across the school.

We're very pleased to have you all on board!

Upcoming dates:

Friday 14th February – School Swimming

Hopefully the weather smiles on us for Friday! We encourage all students to come along in their House colours and ready to get in the pool. There will be a free BBQ and a range of activities for students both in and out of the pool. Don't forget to be sunsmart on the day – we'll have extra sunscreen available.

Canteen closed Monday 17th February

Please note that the school canteen will be closed on Monday 17th February. Students will need to bring lunch and drinks from home on this date.

There will also be a reduced number of Admin staff at school on this day; please be patient with us if you need to contact the school on Monday 17th February.

Friday 21st February – School Photos

Families are reminded that school photos will be taken on this day. Individual and group photos will be taken on the day and available for purchase. Further detail will follow regarding placement of orders.

Wednesdays and Fridays throughout the year

Cobden Technical School run a breakfast program on Wednesdays and Fridays. Students who are a little hungry when they arrive to school are encouraged to come along to Johno's Shed and grab something to eat before heading to Mentor Group.

We're looking forward to a fantastic year!

Irvan Nurdian Taofik – Our Indonesian Language Assistant

Liz Formby

Cobden Technical School welcomes our Indonesian Language Assistant Ivan (pronounced Eevun). Ivan will be assisting with the Year 7,8,9,10 and 12 Indonesian classes. He will be here on Monday, Tuesday and Friday each week. Ivan will also be working at Cobden Primary School on Wednesdays.



Full name: Irvan Nurdian Taofik

Nick name: Ivan

Hometown: Garut, West Java, Indonesia

Education Background: Bachelor of Education (in Indonesia)

Position at school: Indonesian Language Assistant

Hobbies: Traveling, Cooking, Playing Violin and Learning Foreign Languages (Spanish and Tagalog)

Interesting facts: I love to share and learn about cultures. During my stay here in Australia, I want to travel around this country and learn how to speak in Australian Accent (I'm working on it!) 😊

Calendar 2020

TERM 1		
WEEK 3	DATE	EVENT
Monday	February 10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7 Session Day – House meetings • Swimming during PE 1.45
Tuesday	February 11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In Conversation – Getting prepared for VCE/VCAL
Wednesday	February 12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Great Outdoors Semester 1 Program
Thursday	February 13	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •
Friday	February 14	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CTS Swimming Sports (11am start)
WEEK 4	DATE	EVENT
Monday	February 17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HSSSD Senior Boys Cricket at Timboon • NO CANTEEN
Tuesday	February 18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •
Wednesday	February 19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •
Thursday	February 20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •
Friday	February 21	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School Photos
WEEK 5	DATE	EVENT
Monday	February 24	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7 Session Day – House meetings • School Council
Tuesday	February 25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HSSSD Interschool Swimming Sports at Timboon
Wednesday	February 26	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •
Thursday	February 27	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year 9 - You the Man Performance
Friday	February 28	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •
WEEK 6	DATE	EVENT
Monday	March 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •
Tuesday	March 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CTS Athletics Sports
Wednesday	March 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •
Thursday	March 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •
Friday	March 6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •
WEEK 7	DATE	EVENT
Monday	March 9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LABOUR DAY HOLIDAY
Tuesday	March 10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •
Wednesday	March 11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •
Thursday	March 12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •
Friday	March 13	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7 Session Day - Mentor
WEEK 8	DATE	EVENT
Monday	March 16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •
Tuesday	March 17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HSSSD Interschool Athletics Sports at Camperdown
Wednesday	March 18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • P/T/S Interviews 12 noon – 8pm
Thursday	March 19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •
Friday	March 20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •
WEEK 9	DATE	EVENT
Monday	March 23	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •
Tuesday	March 24	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •
Wednesday	March 25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year 7 Camp at Port Fairy
Thursday	March 26	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year 7 Camp at Port Fairy
Friday	March 27	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year 7 Camp at Port Fairy • 7 Session day - Assembly • End of Term 1 – 2.25 finish

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.

Absences

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 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.

VCE Jumpers

Year 12 students received their VCE jumpers last week and they look fantastic; a reminder that they still need to be in full school uniform.

Roll Marking

Next week students will begin Year 12 Roll Marking every Monday morning. This is compulsory to attend as students will receive a lot of important information during this time. They will also be 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.

In Conversation

On Tuesday the 11 February Year 11 and 12 students will attend 'In Conversation' at Deakin University Warrnambool. This is for all VCE and VCAL students. Current university and TAFE students will present a three-part workshop exploring alternative career pathways, providing tools for managing stress and busting study habit myths. It will be a fantastic day and a great opportunity for students to spend some time together building relationships.

Further information

This year is an exciting, adventurous and very busy year. If parents or students have any questions, require any further information or support please contact myself Sarah Cook, my days of attendance are Monday, Wednesday and Friday, or VCAL and VET Coordinator Annette Hickey, on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities. It is part of making Victoria the Education State and the Government's commitment to breaking the link between a student's background and their outcomes.

CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors, excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works and sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are part of a healthy curriculum.

CSEF is provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student is:

- \$125 for primary school students
- \$225 for secondary school students

MORE INFORMATION

For more information about the CSEF visit www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

HOW TO APPLY

New applicants should contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

If you applied for the CSEF at your child's school in 2019, you do not need to complete an application form in 2020 unless there has been a change in your family circumstances.

You only need to complete an application form if any of the following changes have occurred:

- **new student enrolments;** your child has started or changed schools in 2020 or you did not apply in 2019.
- **changed family circumstances;** such as a change of custody, change of name, concession card number, or new siblings commencing at the school in 2020.

Check with the school office if you are unsure.





Victorian Careers Show 2020

Exhibition Pavilion 1, Melbourne Showgrounds, Epsom Rd, Ascot Vale

Friday 17 April 2020, 9am-3pm | Saturday 18 April 2020, 9am-3pm

To the Principal



Introducing our **NEW EVENT**, the **Victorian Careers Show!** This exciting new venture has been initiated to address the career information needs of students, teachers and parents in Melbourne’s west and the wider western Victorian regions including Geelong, Ballarat, Bendigo, Warrnambool etc. Its sister event, our flagship event, the VCE and Careers Expo, now in its 28th year, is Australia’s biggest careers and education event.

100 exhibitors will showcase VCE resources, tertiary course, career and employment information. The seminar program will feature presentations on VCE subjects, tertiary courses, career, study and employment advice.

Discounted admission of \$7 per student for school groups of 5 or more is available on Friday 17 April. Teachers accompanying school groups admitted free of charge.

Multiple copies of the seminar program and exhibitor list brochure and the school group booking information sheet have been mailed and emailed to your school’s VCE Coordinator and Careers Adviser. Pre booking for school groups wishing to attend the Show on Friday is essential.

Below is a paragraph you might like to include in your school newsletter to inform students and their parents about the event.

Victorian Careers Show 2020
Friday 17 April and Saturday 18 April, 9am-3pm
Exhibition Pavilion 1, Melbourne Showgrounds, Ascot Vale. Free bus parking

The inaugural Victorian Careers Show will feature 100 exhibitors with VCE, tertiary course, career, study skills, gap year and employment information and resources. Exhibitors include Australia’s major universities. The Show also features seminars on VCE subjects including English and Maths, tertiary courses, career, employment and study advice. General admission is \$10 (online) or \$25 (online) for families of up to 4 people including at least one parent (children 14 and under free). Admission includes all seminars. For more details visit victoriancareersshow.com.au

Please see over for details about our flagship event, the VCE and Careers Expo, now in its 28th year! The VCE and Careers Expo is Australia’s biggest careers and education event!

Best regards,



Tina Tolich, Events Director



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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

2020 – Term 1 -We 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

Friday February 14	CTS Swimming Sports (11am start)
Monday February 17	HSSSD Senior Boys Cricket at Timboon
Tuesday February 25	HSSSD Interschool Swimming Sports at Timboon
Tuesday March 3	CTS Athletics Sports
Tuesday March 17	HSSSD Interschool Athletics Sports at Camperdown

Cobden Technical School Swimming Carnival - Will be held at the Cobden Swimming Pool on Friday February 14 - (**Note change of time**) 11 am start.

- **All students – compulsory attendance**:- Points will be awarded for attendance of each student, also dressing in house colours, along with a lucky entrance and 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 Cobden Swimming Pool at 11 am. 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

Victorian School Golf

If anybody is interested in competing in the Victorian School Golf Championships please speak to Belinda Savage for entry details. Below you will find the Divisional Qualifiers date and place.

Friday March 13 Greater Western Region Golf (direct entry – Colac)

Corangamite Shire Australia Day Awards 2020

Congratulations to Ingrid Bellman on her nomination and for receiving the Corangamite Shire Australia Day Achievement Award for Young Citizen of the Year. Ingrid was presented with her Certificate at the recent Australia Day Celebrations at Derrinallum.



National Barefoot Skiing Championships at Sydney



Well done Tom Roberts on a fantastic effort at the week-long Tournament, achieving personal bests in all of his events and ended up finishing 7th overall in the Junior Boys Division. Tom also was named in the Australian Training Squad, but narrowly missed out on selection for the Worlds Team. Thomas is still

eligible to ski as an independent at the World Championships in Sydney in April, still in the green & gold.



SIMPSON FOOTBALL JUNIOR TRAINING

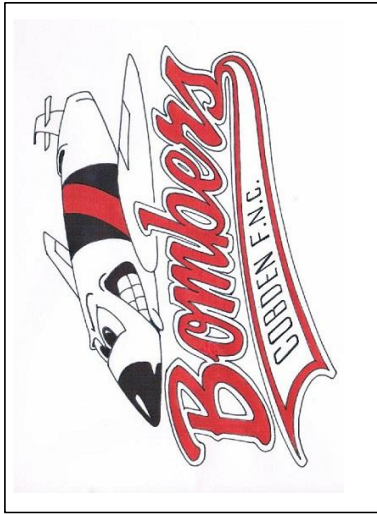
STARTS MONDAY 10TH FEBRUARY

UNDER 13'S - 4:30pm. Aaron 0439321086

UNDER 15'S - 5:15pm. Judson 0427383232

UNDER 18'S - 5:15pm. Jason 0408125836

COME AND JOIN THE TIGER ARMY!



COBDEN FEMALE FOOTBALL TRAINING BEGINS

**THURSDAY 4TH FEBUARY 4.30PM
COBDEN RECREATION RESERVE**

**IF YOU ARE AGED 13 – U/18
HAVE AN INTEREST IN PLAYING FOOTBALL
NEVER PLAYED FOOTBALL
WANT TO PLAY A NEW SPORT
MEET NEW PEOPLE**

THEN

YOU ARE MOST WELCOME TO PLAY

Cobden Football and Netball Club are very proud to provide the opportunity for young girls to participate in female football. Cobden play as part of the Western Victorian Female Football League where you can participate locally and be involved in the Pathways program that can lead into playing both VFLW and AFLW, like many local girls are now.

For further information please contact Sue Stevens 0427 352588

fitkids



Timboon stadium

After school classes

Term 1, 2020

3:30^{pm} – 5^{pm}, \$5 per session

Date	Activity
Tuesday	Boxing
Thursday	Squash



Camperdown stadium

After school classes

Term 1, 2020

3:30^{pm} – 5^{pm}, \$5 per session

Date	Activity
Thursday	Boxing / fitness circuit



Phone 04 37 244 275 or email
timboon-fitkids@corangamile.vic.gov.au
for more details.