



COBDEN TECHNICAL SCHOOL

Committed to Students, Committed to Success

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Term 3 Week 3

July 2023

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: Jemma Couch (President) Liz Roberts (Vice President)
Anita La Franchi Rebecca Armistead Mardi Foster Madison Osborne Fleur De Groot

In the spirit of reconciliation, Cobden Technical School acknowledges the Traditional Custodians of this country the Djargurd Wurrung and Kirrae Whurrung peoples of the Eastern Maar nation. We pay our deepest respects to the Elders past, present and emerging, for they hold the memories, the tradition, the culture and identity of the Indigenous peoples of Australia.

From the Principal & Assistant Principal’s Desk

Rohan Keert – Principal & Cass Crevola – Assistant Principal

News and events

I think we’re all looking forward to a little bit of warmer weather, but we’ve had a terrific start to the second of our Winter terms! We hope that you’ve all had a relaxing and enjoyable break!

The term has kicked off with quite a few big events already. We had a number of teams head off to the Badminton competitions last week, with impressive progress and achievements from our students. A special mention and congratulations also goes out to some of students who stepped up a division in order to fill teams. Well done!



Our senior students headed off to the Carmen’s Legacy presentation in Mortlake, hearing from John Maher about the tragic impact of road trauma and the vital importance of road safety. We encourage all families to continue having these conversations with their children and keep enforcing the message that careful choices are crucial when on the roads.

We also have a number of key calendar events coming up, with the Year 10 VCE Information Night on Monday night (31st July) at 6:30pm providing important course information for our families on the cusp of making their pathways choices for the VCE years. We encourage all families to come along with their students to hear the details and help them make informed choices for the coming years.

The Year 11 Melbourne Work Experience week is also coming up soon and we look forward to hearing from students and staff about their experiences in the city in Week 5!

A Staff Professional Development Day will be held on Wednesday 9th August. This will be a student free day.

Family/Student/Teacher Interviews

Thank you to those families who responded to our survey regarding the timings for conferences later this term. These will be held at school on Thursday 31st August (Week 8), with the option for individual families to conduct interviews online if needed. We will provide further details and open bookings closer to the date.



Staffing

We farewelled our Wellbeing Co-ordinator Rachel Walz at the end of Week 1 as she heads off for a new position in Tokyo. Rachel was a tremendous support to students, staff and families, bringing a wealth of knowledge regarding not only wellbeing strategies but also the wellbeing agencies available to offer support within our community. We thank Rachel for her care and compassion and wish her well in her new role.

Liv Williams joined us as Student Counsellor at the start of term. Liv has a range of experiences working with young people in the South West and will also be working in the Hands on Learning program. We would like to welcome Liv to our staff in this important role.

Buildings Upgrade

The work in the preparations stages for the proposed Buildings Upgrade continues. The first stage in our preparations was approved by School Council at the start of the term and is now sitting with the Department awaiting approval. We anticipate that we should be able to work through the process of appointing an architect in the coming weeks, with a view towards beginning the highly-anticipated design work in the weeks after that.



Senior Sub-School Report

Sarah Cook – Senior Sub-School Leader



CTS SENIOR INFORMATION EVENING

Current Year 10 Students Information Session

Monday 31 July at 6:30pm



This session will explain the different pathways and diverse opportunities offered for Year 11 and 12 at Cobden Technical School.

We will discuss the recent changes to VCE and inform you about VCE VM, VPC, VET, SBA, and CTTC. Don't know what these mean? Then that is why you need to come along.

Important information will also be given about how the process will work from here for students to choose their future pathway that will best suit their individual needs.

*We would appreciate if you could please contact the office via phone (03) 55951202 to **RSVP numbers** of family members attending to assist preparations.*

If you have any questions please contact the office or email sarah.cook3@education.vic.gov.au

Carmen's Legacy

Year 10-12 students last week attended Carmen's Legacy presentation at Mortlake P-12. The presentation from John Maher told the devastating story of losing his 18 year old daughter in a car accident. He has used this tragedy to educate young drivers on road safety sharing Carmen's story in a powerful way emphasising to young people how important they are to their loved ones. Some of the messages our students took away were:



- When you get into a car you put your life in the drivers hands
- How quick a life can be lost and everyone's lives changes
- It can be luck who lives and dies in a car accident but we all have choices we can make
- If you are passenger to speak up if you ever feel unsafe
- Phones are like a weapon in the car

We thank the wellbeing team for ensuring we are able to attend these important events and the delicious morning tea afterwards that allowed students to stay and chat to each other and staff afterwards.

Other information and things happening in the Senior Sub School.

Year 10 - It was great to see students reflecting on their Work Experience at the end of Term2 and considering how this may confirm, change or challenge their goals beyond school. Students will get a further opportunity to experience another work place at the end of the year and should talk to Mr Beveridge if they have any questions.

Year 11- Students are currently organising jumpers for next year. Students have been provided with a letter detailing the process and how to go online and design a jumper. Please see me, Mrs Cook, if you have any questions.

Work Experience Camp is happening in Week 5 – students should have been advised of their workplace and have been provided with information to support them to plan for this week. We are really excited to have students experience working life in Melbourne and appreciate Doxa's support to organise some other fantastic activities for students to participate in.

Junior Sub-School Report

Jen McLennan – Junior Sub-School Leader

These past few weeks have seen us working closely with Simon Dewar from Real Schools to implement strategies and tools for our year 7 cohort. We have been focusing on behaviours in class that we want to see more of and behaviours we want to see less of. Our focus for the past two weeks has been to decrease the amount of touching and interfering with other students, and to see an increase in being ready to learn on entry to class and when changing tasks. It has been pleasing to see the students take these focus behaviours on board to improve the learning environment in all classes. We will continue to work on developing positive learning behaviours over the term, with new focuses every two weeks. Our next two focuses are: more of bringing equipment to class, and less of disruptions during teacher instruction.



Real schools will be offering a parent information session later in the term, so please keep an eye out for more information as to when this is.

We have also been focusing on uniform, with the year levels having a competition to see how many students can be in full school uniform, including appropriate socks and shoes. The winner of this competition will have an out of uniform day- this will be announced on Friday at Sub-School assembly. A compass note will go out to parents informing them if their child has an out of uniform. Students who are in full school uniform will also go into a raffle to win prizes, which will also be drawn out at assembly. It is great to see so many students wear their uniform with pride, and we want to reward students for doing the right thing. Please bring a note if your child is out of uniform and let us know if you need uniform assistance at any stage.



Careers Report

Jason Beveridge – Careers Coordinator

At the end of Term 2, our Year 10 students participated in a week of work experience. All students reported having enjoyed the opportunity to participate in work placements and described in detail what they learnt about the workplace and about themselves. All participating employers were contacted or visited during the student's placement and reported being extremely happy with performance of our students. In the early weeks of Term 3 we have been receiving more detailed feedback from the employers that provides great insight for students as they prepare for their future in the work force. It appears that all students have performed extremely well in their placements, reflecting our belief that Cobden Technical Students are all supported and guided towards being ready to embark on life beyond secondary school. As per usual, our students have made the school proud and should be congratulated on their efforts.

I would also like to publicly acknowledge the support of the following organisations who provided work placements for our students. Without their support, this valuable program would not be able to be delivered. We express our sincere thanks to: The Leura Hotel, Mercy Regional College, Gorge Chocolates, Cobden Primary School, Cobden Tools and Trailers, Charles Stewart & Co, SW Car Service, BDH Construction, Webber & Chivell, Brenton Burrow-Buck, Struan Trading and the Worngundidj Aboriginal Co-Op Ltd. Thank you for supporting our students!



After having completed their work experience, the Year 10 students have returned to school and we are currently working with them to complete up-to-date Career Action Plans. The recent work experience will inform the future plans for students regarding possible study and employment opportunities. In developing these action plans students are starting to prepare for their decisions regarding subject selections and pathways as they enter Year 11.



Our Year 11 students are preparing to spend a week in Melbourne and participate in a work experience program whilst they are there. Students will be in Melbourne from the 7th August to the 11th of August. It is a great opportunity to experience a different workplace in a different environment and also to gain a taste of what life is like in the city. Students will travel to and from their work placements on public transport and will need to navigate their way around the city. Students have received notification of their respective placements and are both nervous and excited about what confronts them. We look forward to supporting them to ensure a successful journey.

Year 12 students considering University need to be aware that Open Days at the Universities will be hosted over the next few months. Students will be provided with information regarding local Universities but should speak to Mr Beveridge if they questions about other institutions or with any other queries regarding attending University in 2024.

Year 9 Camp

Year 9 Melbourne Camp Reflection: A memorable trip of learning and adventure

We are excited to share with you the incredible experiences and unforgettable memories from our Year Nine Melbourne Camp! From Wednesday 21 until Friday 23 June, our enthusiastic group of students embarked on an adventure in one of Australia's most vibrant and culturally rich cities.

Our time in Melbourne included visits to Federation Square, the Arts Centre precinct, Melbourne Big Build Information Centre, The Big Issue, ACMI and Melbourne Central shopping hub.

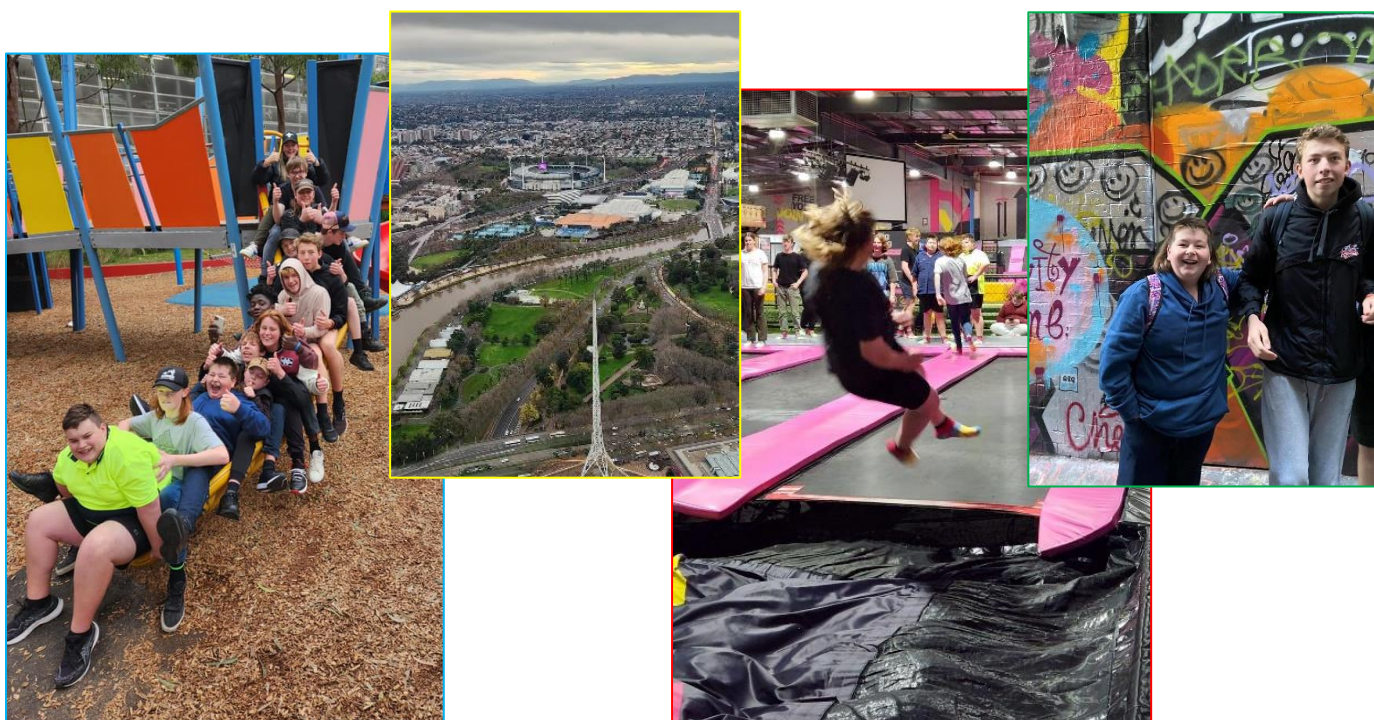
Highlights: One of the highlights of the camp was the opportunity for the students to create their own digital music at the Arts Centre. This interactive workshop taught the students how much of their favourite music is produced. We also attended a session at ACMI where students were shown the development of the moving image and enjoyed the hands-on exhibits of computer games of yesteryear.



Adventure and Fun: The camp wouldn't be complete without a healthy dose of adventure and fun! We delighted in thrilling activities like the Eureka Skydeck and Bounce as well as friendly competition at Strike bowling.

Community Bonding: Beyond the educational and recreational activities, the Melbourne Camp allowed us to forge a closer bond as a year group. We shared meals, stories, and late-night chats, we kept the other school awake on the first night and received payback when they were up at 5.30am and woke us in turn.

Gratitude: We would like to express our heartfelt gratitude to the DOXA foundation for organising the camp and the teachers who accompanied us on this journey.



Sports Report

Belinda Savage – Sports Coordinator

Upcoming Events – Term 3

Thursday 3rd August

GWR Tabletennis (Warrnambool)

Thursday 24th August

South West Zone Clay Target Association Shoot

Wednesday 6th September

HSSSD Junior Basketball (Year 7 & 8)

Thursday 7th September

Netball Victoria Intermediate Boys Netball (Melbourne)

Thursday 5th October

GWR Interschool Athletics Championship (Ballarat)

GWR Badminton (Year 9 – 10) in Ballarat Tuesday 18th July

Congratulations to all our players who attended at Ballarat to compete in the Greater Western Region Badminton. The Intermediate Boys competition had a total of twelve teams playing and all our three teams made it through to the finals. One of our teams was beaten by Balmoral in the semi-final. Our other team placed a very impressive second after another match against the Balmoral team in the grand final. It was great to see all of our students dedicate many lunch sessions to practising and attending in Ballarat. Thank you to Lenny Dobbins who came up an age group to also compete in the Intermediates.



Our Intermediate girls team finished the day playing off for the third and fourth position out of eight teams. In a very close final against Ballarat High School, we won 3 games 146 points to 3 games 117 points to finish third overall. Well done and a big thank you also to Iniminka Merrett McKellar for stepping up and even playing as a number 1 in the Intermediate team.

Team 1

Riley Chamberlain
Kayden Daffy
Alan Warden
Lenny Dobbins

Team 2

Ryan Armistead
Bailey Livermore
Adam Jopling
Noah Bignell

Team 3

Zac Stevens
Felix Nguena Nguena
Bradey Fratantaro
Bodhi Crole

Girls

Iniminka Merrett McKellar
Phoebe Harris
Tabitha Perriss
Immy Eddy



HSSSD Senior/Intermediate Basketball on Monday 24th July

Our senior boys' basketball team of:

Brodie Foster	Jayden Gass	Jesse Wason	Kayden Daffy
Zach Roberts	Nash Coverdale	Felix Nguena Nguena	

Our Intermediate Basketball Team:

Zach Roberts	Nash Coverdale	Felix Nguena Nguena	Zac Stevens
Kayden Daffy	Bradey Fratantaro	Darcy Benson	Noah Bignell
Adam Jopling			

Well done to all our Senior/Intermediate basketballers, for a great effort at the Basketball. A big thank you to our intermediate students for stepping up to play with the seniors (as well as playing intermediate games) a huge effort and thank you to Mr. Brett Taylor for coaching and refereeing.



Clay Target Shooting – Championships are to be held on Thursday 24th August at Noorat. Prior to attending the championships, we have arranged practice sessions at the Noorat Gun Club on Wednesday 2nd August and/or Tuesday 15th August. This is a good opportunity for shooters new to the sport to come along and learn from the Club's members and for anybody wishing to practice their skills. If you would like to attend one or both practice sessions, please speak to Belinda Savage.

Congratulations to our Year 8 student Lenny Dobbins on his recent win at the Bordertown Gun Club in South Australia. Lenny competed in the 40 TGT Medley Championships and came 1st in the C Grade shooting a great score of 55/72.



Fareshare

Jen McLennan

FareShare is an organisation that rescues food, cooks nutritious meals and feeds the community. On Tuesday 6 June, a group of students in Year 9, 10 and 11 travelled to Melbourne to volunteer at Fare Shares Schools Kitchen. We were able to donate our time and support in providing much needed nourishment and peace of mind for less fortunate people in our community.

During the time we spent at Fare Share, we:

- packed and sealed 59 braised French lentils with Kale meals
- packed and sealed 87 vegetarian pasta with mozzarella meals
- packed and sealed 69 pumpkin and mushroom risotto meals
- packed and sealed 36 fruit crumbles
- packed and sealed 121 minestrone casserole
- prepared 4 trays of mashed potato
- peeled and cleaned 12 kg of red onion
- cleaned 12kg of red capsicum and prepared for stir-fry
- Cleaned and reset the kitchen

Thank you to the staff and students on behalf of the many people who have benefited from their generosity. We hope that the experience in the School's Kitchen has inspired them and reinforced the idea that anyone and everyone can help others who are less fortunate.



Hot Chips

Marie Jopling – Canteen Manager

On Tuesday 1st August our canteen will be offering hot chips, with the option of gravy and cheese.

- ❖ Hot chips with/without gravy - \$5.00
- ❖ Cheese - additional 50c

Students need to place their order with Marie at recess on Tuesday 1st August



Wellbeing

Liv Williams – Wellbeing Coordinator

- Days to celebrate for Term 3 will be Friendship Day on 4th August and a school wide Wellbeing Day on Friday 25th August. Working with SRC and a range of external services to share information and run range of fun activities.
- The MHP role has been filled, welcome Kelsea to the team, she is based at school every second Wednesday and Thursday.
- Liv has come on board as Rachel's replacement of school counsellor, she is on campus all week with an open door policy.
- Breaky Club will continue to run Wed/Thu & Fri and we have lunchtime activities available for students four days of the week due to the support of teaching staff who offer their time and skills to run them.
- The year 7 girls had a great few weeks at lunchtime, learning new wellbeing strategies that were targeted from Compass wellbeing posts.
- The year 7 boys now have their chance to learn new wellbeing strategies. The sessions started in week 3 and run on Thursday lunch times for several weeks. This is an optional but encouraged activity that builds relationship skills between the students.
- The wellbeing room situated beside Cass's office has been a hit with students feeling comfortable to self-regulate on their own, whilst being monitored, before feeling calm enough to return to class to contribute and learn in a positive way.
- HoL has commenced for term 3. Finishing off our rubbish bins to be put out in the courtyard, beginning our bird boxes to be placed at the Cobden Dam in week 4 and plans of heading to the Warrnambool Foodshare in Week 9. Collection boxes will be built and placed in the foyer for any donations from students.
- Cass, SSL's and the Wellbeing team continue working on plans to consolidate all of the learning from Berry Street, Real Schools and School Wide Positive Behaviours and choose actions which we want to put in place moving forward.



Rotary Donation

We were very excited and appreciative to accept \$500 donation from Rotary Club of Cobden to support literacy in our school. Belinda Savage and Julie Simmonds attended their dinner and accepted the cheque on behalf of our team.



Calendar 2023

TERM 3 2023		
WEEK 4	DATE	EVENT
Monday	31 July	➤ VCE 2024 Information evening (for Year 10 families) @ 6:30pm
Monday	31 July	➤ School Council @ 5:00pm
Wednesday	2 August	➤ Clay target shooting practice (sessions 5 & 6)
Thursday	3 August	➤ GWR Table Tennis (Warrnambool)
WEEK 5	DATE	EVENT
Mon-Fri	7-11 Aug	➤ Year 11 work experience (Melbourne)
Wednesday	9 August	➤ Staff Professional Development Day – Student free day
WEEK 6	DATE	EVENT
Tuesday	15 August	➤ Clay target shooting practice (sessions 5 & 6)
Friday	18 August	➤ Indonesian Independence Day activities (in class)
WEEK 7	DATE	EVENT
Thursday	24 August	➤ Clay Target Shoot Championships (Noorat)
Friday	25 August	➤ Wellbeing Day
WEEK 8	DATE	EVENT
Monday	28 August	➤ School Council
Wednesday	30 August	➤ Maths & Science at work day
Thursday	31 August	➤ Parent Teacher Interviews
WEEK 9	DATE	EVENT
Wednesday	6 September	➤ HSSSD Junior Basketball (Year 7 & 8)
Thursday	7 September	➤ Intermediate Boys Netball (Melbourne)
WEEK 10	DATE	EVENT
Friday	15 September	➤ Last day of Term 3 – 2:25pm finish



VET DELIVERED TO SECONDARY STUDENTS INFORMATION SESSION

Come along and find out how you can combine school with a TAFE course.


Our VET Delivery to Secondary Students program covers a range of courses and gives you the opportunity to develop skills needed for further education and employment.

<p>Warrnambool Campus Wednesday 9th of August 5pm - 6pm 197 Timor Street, Warrnambool</p>	<p>Portland Campus Tuesday 15th of August 5pm - 6pm 154 Hurd St, Portland</p>
<p>Colac Campus Monday 14th of August 5pm - 6pm 89 Bromfield St, Colac</p>	<p>Hamilton Campus Wednesday 16th of August 5pm - 6pm 200 Ballarat Rd, Hamilton</p>

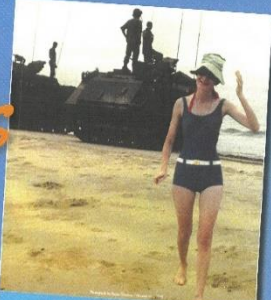
For more information chat to your careers teacher or contact the SWTAFE VETDSS team via 1300 648 911 or email vetdss@swtafe.edu.au

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GREAT MUSIC THEATRE IN THE SOUTH WEST ONLY 50 TICKETS PER SHOW... BOOK SOON

 **Apollo Bay Theatre Collective** and **Terang Hoorat Arts in the Avenues** present:

Minefields AND MiniSkirts



Written & Directed by Terence O'Connell
Adapted from and inspired by the oral history written by Siobhan McHugh

5 WOMEN WHO LIVED THE VIETNAM WAR... REMEMBERING, FOR US ALL.



Minefields and Miniskirts packs an emotional punch. For those who have lived in a secure bubble shielded from the horrors of war, this play will rock your foundations.

For those who have experienced war firsthand, this play may stir emotions buried and forgotten.

Minefields And Miniskirts is the acclaimed theatre event about how the Vietnam War affected the lives of five very young Australian women.

Stirred by the excitement of adventure in a foreign country, four of the five women felt compelled to volunteer their services in a country ravaged by war. And the fifth? Come to the show!

PERFORMED BY OUR COMMUNITY THEATRE MEMBERS UNDER THE GUIDANCE OF WORLD RENOWNED THEATRE MAKER TERENCE O'CONNELL. NOT TO BE MISSED!

<p>Apollo Bay AB Community Hall - 4 Whelan St</p> <p>August 4th and 5th and 19th at 7.30pm, and Sunday Matinee August 20th at 3pm</p> <p>Bookings Ph: 0432984244 and les.cameron46@gmail.com</p> <p>Tickets: Goodlife Real Estate or Galapagos Bookshop</p> 	<p>Terang Commercial Hotel - 71 High St</p> <p>August 11/12th and August 25/26th at 7.30pm Plus Sunday Matinees August 13th and 27th at 5pm</p> <p>Bookings Ph: 0417592670 and les.cameron46@gmail.com</p> 
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Book Now – \$25 paid worker, \$20 Concession

TERANG JUNIOR BASKETBALL REGISTRATIONS

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Registrations for our upcoming junior domestic competition are now open!

We welcome new and returning players to follow the link below, to register **NO LATER than Friday 28th July.**

Season will commence **Friday 4th August**

Black or Navy Shorts **ONLY** and strictly **NO** pockets.

There will be **NO LATE** registrations accepted past the cut off date **Friday 28th July.**

Any queries please message TOBA page, Stephen Vaughan or Kym Grundy.



Interested young players are required to register using the link below

<https://www.playhq.com/basketball-victoria/register/61ce5c?fbclid=IwAR2ioQws9Te6ejCMULZOk0k-q3rio-pnZu3XEXVnvlPIQ7cedXW1hJQUhEc>

CTS Photo Board

