



# COBDEN TECHNICAL SCHOOL

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*Committed to Students, Committed to Success*  
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<https://www.cobtech.vic.edu.au/>

Term 4 Week 12

December 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:** Jedda 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.*

## Principal's Desk

Rohan Keert – Principal

Like the four seasons in a year, the terms and weeks of the school year have a predictable rhythm. Last week our students participated in end-of-year program activities in Geelong, Port Campbell and here in Cobden. I would like to thank our staff for organising, supervising and leading these activities. If you want to see how much fun our students and staff have had, please have a look at the CTS facebook page.

Another group of staff remained at school to prepare for the Presentation Afternoon and set up the Art & Technology display in the library.



On Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December we welcomed our new Year 7 students who participated in orientation activities in readiness for their transition to secondary school. I know I say it every year, but it is one of my favourite days, where the cycle starts all over again. One of my other favourite days is the Year 12 final assembly. Celebrating 13 years of school with our graduating students, their families and our staff. We really are privileged to play such a significant role in the lives of the young people in our school.

Cobden Tech School are proud to announce that Willoughby PERRISS is our VCE Dux. We formally acknowledged Will's achievement at our Presentation Afternoon. We would also like to congratulate our 2024 School Captains, Brodie Foster and Lillyanna Mahoney.

Planning for the \$6.6M school upgrade is well underway and we hope to commence construction of new facilities in about 12 months time. We welcome the senior students from Hampden Specialist School who will be using our HUMS portables for 12 months while the construction of their new school facilities occurs in 2024. This includes new Art and Pottery rooms for CTS to be incorporated into the Peter ROCK Science building.

One week ago, we said farewell to Mr Nixon who has retired from teaching after 16 years at CTS. Mr Nixon is planning to move to Western Australia with his wife Margaret.

This week we have farewelled Ms Camp who will be on parental leave. We wish Amanda and her partner Michael all the best on the birth of their first child over the summer. We can't wait to see the baby photos.



I would like to thank all parents, students, and staff who continue to make our school such a wonderful place to learn and work. Have a safe and happy summer break, and a Merry Christmas.

## Assistant Principal Report

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Sarah Cook – Assistant Principal

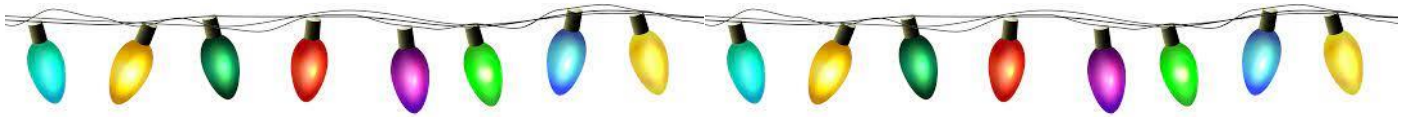
I would like to take this opportunity to express my gratitude to those that have congratulated me on this role and already supported me so far in my education journey. I am thrilled to have been given the opportunity to take on this role at CTS and I am really looking forward to continuing working with staff, students and the Cobden community next year and beyond. We have many exciting things ahead and a wonderful team of staff to ensure that we can together create the optimal environment for our students to learn, grow and succeed.

The first important part of our 2024 partnership with our CTS families starts on Mentor Day, Tuesday 30 January. All students are required to attend an interview with their mentor on this day. Bookings can be made on Compass under Conferences. Please contact the school if you have any questions or require support with this. Don't forget to check your booklist items and organise what you need to be set up for success. Students will be allocated lockers this day so it would be a wonderful idea to bring their books and pop them in ready for their first day of the school year.



Finally, make sure you stay safe over the Christmas period, we look forward to seeing you all back refreshed in 2024.





## Presentation Afternoon

What a wonderful day of celebration we had for our Presentation Afternoon. The atmosphere before the ceremony was buzzing with student work on display from artwork to trade creations and academic work samples as well.

A special thanks to Miss Amanda Camp and Mr Michael Smart for coordinating the student work displays this year and creating a magnificent showcase. The food was delicious and a big thanks to Liv Williams and the Hands on Learning Crew for cooking the BBQ and Mrs Narelle Holliday for adding some extra gourmet options. Thanks to Mr Bouman and Mr Michael Smart for the digital presentations during the ceremony and Mrs Jenni Wason for her organisation with awards, certificates and supporting the team with many other tasks. Also thank you to the other members of the Presentation team for all of the hard work that has gone in behind the scenes ensuring today runs smoothly; Ms Liz Formby, Mrs Sarah Cook, Mrs Andrea Stoddart, Mrs Jen McLennan, and for all other staff for their support on the day. We are lucky to have such a wonderful team of staff willing to give up their time and work together for school events.

We would like to send a huge thank you to our award sponsors and congratulate each and every student who received an award on the day for their efforts in 2024. It was wonderful to see so many students smiling on stage and proud to receive an academic or endeavour award.

**We would like to acknowledge the following students as the highest achieving academic students for receiving the most Academic Awards in their year level.**

<b>Year 7</b>	Jeromy Leeson
<b>Year 8</b>	Lenny Dobbins
<b>Year 9</b>	Connor Jennings
<b>Year 10</b>	Phoebe Harris and Austin Roberts
<b>Year 11</b>	Samuel Leeson



**We would also like to congratulate and acknowledge our Special Award winners for 2023:**

<b>CTS HEART Values Award Year 7/8</b>	Jeromy Leeson
<b>CTS HEART Values Award Year 9/10</b>	Taysha Scott
<b>CTS HEART Values Award Year 11/12</b>	Aliza Dentith and Madi Osborne
<b>Leura Lodge Junior School Citizenship Award</b>	Lenny Dobbins

<b>Rotary Club of Cobden: Middle School Citizenship Award</b>	Bradey Fratantaro
<b>Corangamite Shire Citizenship Award</b>	Fleur De Groot
<b>Emily Rylance Award - courage and determination</b>	Connor Jennings
<b>ADF Awards Long Tan Leadership Award Year 10</b>	Tabitha Perriss
<b>ADF Awards Long Tan Leadership Award Year 12</b>	Willoughby Perriss
<b>Future Innovators STEM Award Year 10</b>	Bradey Fratantaro
<b>Future Innovators STEM Award Year 12</b>	Tara Watts
<b>Lions Club Camperdown Award</b>	Olivia Benson
<b>Westvic top VET student</b>	Samuel Leeson
<b>SW TAFE top VET student</b>	Jayden Gass
<b>Camperdown Clock Tower Quilters Textiles Award</b>	Phoebe Harris
<b>KC Errey Structured Workplace Learning Award</b>	Heath Jeffery
<b>Wiltronics Technology Award</b>	Darcy Benson
<b>Quota Friends of Rotary, Elise Denney (OAM) Memorial Encouragement Award</b>	Xander Weel
<b>Progressing Cobden Award</b>	Ryan Armistead
<b>Hands on Learning Award</b>	Logan Cumming
<b>Cobden Technical School Sports Champion Award</b>	Jayden Gass
<b>School Sports Victoria Academic and Sporting Medal Award</b>	Rhys Sargood
<b>AMPOL All Rounder Award</b>	Abbey Robbins
<b>VCAL Award</b>	Keegan Brandrup
<b>Deakin VCE Award</b>	Fleur De Groot
<b>Cobden Technical School Dux Award – Highest ATAR 2023</b>	Willoughby Perriss





Year 7 Academic award recipients



Year 8 Academic award recipients



Year 9 Academic award recipients



VCE Unit 1 & 2 Academic award recipients



Year 12 Academic award recipients



Our 2024 School Captains:  
Lillyanna Mahoney &  
Brodie Foster



Cobden Technical School Dux  
for 2023:  
Willoughby Perriss

## 2023 Year 7 student reflections on the first year at secondary school

- *Everyone knows that going from primary to secondary is a big jump. It can be scary or exciting.*
- *The most memorable day was when I found I had been invited to Melbourne to compete in the 2023 13 year old boys State championships.*
- *On the first day I was excited and worried but it wasn't too bad, the teachers were nice*
- *You might think its all scary and others might think its gonna be exciting and fun but they are both right*
- *The thing that was good about this year was school camp and the holidays.*
- *I like the trades we've done electrical, cooking, metal, wood and textiles.*
- *I liked meeting new mates*
- *Things I like and why- Wood we make stuff, Science we do experiments, PE we play games, Electrical we solder, Textiles we sew, Metal we make stuff and Robotics we use machines.*
- *A plus at secondary school is you don't have to stay in the same chair the whole day*
- *The canteen is good!*
- *There is more expected of you now*
- *You can actually get good books here in the secondary school library*
- *I liked the trades, the camps and the teachers.*
- *The best part of the year was Hands on Learning.*
- *My favourite trade class was cooking because of the yummy food.*
- *Overall, the year was pretty good and I can't wait for the next year.*

## I SEE YOU...

Its a time of badges, certificates, medals, trophies, recognition, awards, prizes and 'seeing' of high achievement. I love seeing the kids that shine at this time of year - a big, and heartfelt, round of applause to you. You so deserve it for the effort you have put in. **This message, however, is for the kids that didn't get called up for any of the above... I SEE YOU**

To the child that conquered their fear of heights, or sleeping in the dark, or riding without training wheels, or sleeping out for the night for the first time this year... I SEE YOU

To the child that managed to resolve more conflict than they started this year, to the child that learned to say the impossible; "I'm sorry", and to the child that walked away from the fighting instead of getting involved... I SEE YOU

To the child for whom school is a huge struggle, you get up every day & you go, or even some days I SEE YOU

To the child that battled all year with maths, or reading, or concentration, or speaking out in class, or learning their words, but persevered anyway... I SEE YOU

To the child that found the kindness in their heart to reach out, in whatever way they could, to another person, or to an animal in need or in pain... I SEE YOU

To the child that battles to make friends and to be social, you made new friends this year and for that... I SEE YOU

To the child who wanted so much to please, but was just out of sight of an adult who perhaps was too busy or too distracted... I SEE YOU

To the child who lost a friend or a loved one this year, or who has been ill, but has carried on every day bravely even though their heart ached... I SEE YOU

To the brave parents that try every day to do the best for their kids... I SEE YOU

May you and your children revel in small but significant victories that you have both experienced this year.

# Junior Sub-School Report

Jen McLennan – Junior Sub-School Leader

I'd like to take this opportunity to wish all the families in our Junior Sub-School a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. It has been wonderful working in this space and seeing the young people in the Junior Sub School mature and grow throughout the year. I'd also like to take the opportunity to thank the sub-school student leaders we've had over the year; Bayley Roach, Enya Cole, Ewen Robbins, Lenny Dobbins, Olivia Benson, Armistead and Alan Warden. Their input and leadership have been greatly appreciated.



Success looks different for each person, and I have enjoyed celebrating each success, be it personal, academic or sporting. The new school year brings many new opportunities, challenges and successes. I look forward to sharing them with you. In the meantime, I hope all my students have a fantastic (and well deserved) break.

## Sports Report

Belinda Savage – Sports Co-ordinator

### HSSSD Summer Sports Day

It was so good to see so many of our Year 7 – 9 students compete in a variety of sports offered on the annual HSSSD Summer Sports Day. The weather was extremely kind to us – or maybe it was just a tad too hot. Thank you to all students and staff who assisted at each sporting event.

Our volleyball team played consistently all day to finish winners overall with four wins and on draw: -

Olivia Benson  
Marli Phillips

Kayley Mahoney  
Iniminka Merrett-McKellar

Ewen Robbins  
Mason Mitchell



Super 8 Cricket Team - A big thank you to Zabe, Ryan and Landyn who also helped out with the Super 8 Cricket Team, which consisted of Akeisha Bishop, Chali Robbins, Nathan Patulloch and Tiara Atkinson. The team tried all day in the heat with some very close scores.

Lawn Bowls – We had two teams of three players, with one of our teams making it to the semi finals. A great learning experience for all our players:-

Zoe Buck

Ryan Furney

Bayley Roach

Bryce Suter

Angus McLeod

The Soccer team also played in very hot conditions and superbly coached by our senior boys Kayden Daffy, Bradey Fratantaro and Tom Hutton. A big thank you to our Senior boys for coming in to assist and coach greatly appreciated. The soccer team played brilliantly as a team all day and they combined to win all of their five out of five games: -

Zac Stevens	Felix Nguena Nguena	Noah Bignell
Adam Jopling	Xander Weel	Rhys Sargood
Cooper Daffy	Bailey Clarke	Nate Cook
Izaac Tate	Hunter Woods	Zabe Ripohou
Ryan Armistead	Landyn Muller De Vent	

Tennis – Our team of Korie Hester-Emery, Seth Meade, Trent Chamberlain and Tayliah Bishop played steady and consistent tennis all day to also end up the overall winners on the day.



The other schools to compete were Camperdown College, Timboon P-12, Terang College and CTS. Was so good to see so many students having a go at sport that they may not normally participate in. The day was well run and was a great social day between all competing schools.

**IMPORTANT 2024 DATES TO NOTE – TERM 1**

<b>Friday 9th February</b>	<b>CTS Swimming Sports Day</b>
<b>Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>HSSSD Senior Boys Cricket (at Timboon)</b>
<b>Friday 23rd February</b>	<b>HSSSD Interschool Swimming (at Terang)</b>
<b>Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>Golf Australia (at Camperdown)</b>
<b>Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Game and Field Clay Target Shoot at Laang</b>
<b>Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>CTS Athletics Sports Day</b>
<b>Friday 8th March</b>	<b>GWR Interschool Swimming (at Horsham)</b>
<b>Monday 25th March</b>	<b>HSSSD Interschool Athletics (at Camperdown)</b>
<b>Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>GWR Lawn Bowls (at Ararat)</b>

Wishing you all a very merry, safe, healthy, active Christmas and looking forward to a lot of sport to be played in 2023.



# Treetop Adventures

Spike Matthews – Sports & Health Coordinator

On Thursday, November 30 Year 7-9 students attended the Treetop Adventure Yeodene Park as a part of the PE program. The students enjoyed several activities, including tree-top ropes courses, zip coasters, and ziplining. The students completed these activities independently in small groups and their behavior was outstanding. It was a fantastic celebration of the year and it was fantastic to see several students push their limits!



## Farewell Mark Aitken

*Goodbye!*  
& THANK YOU

Staff & students at Cobden Technical School would like to wish Mark Aitken a wonderful retirement. Mark has been driving the students on our Terang via Boorcan bus to school safely for many years.

Your kindness shown towards the students will certainly be missed.

Thank you Mark for your years of service, we wish you all the best.

# Wellbeing – End of Year Family Food Hampers

Wellbeing team: Liv Williams (Student Counsellor), Mel Benson (School Nurse), Kelsea Sillar (Mental Health Practitioner)

As the academic year draws to a close, our Wellbeing team along with the support of Foodbank has been hard at work ensuring that every family received a food hamper to take home after our final assembly. Recognizing the hustle and bustle of this time, we understand that with the kids at home, our cupboards can run bare swiftly. Remember, we're here to offer support. If you find yourself in need, don't hesitate to reach out. The holiday season can pose challenges for some, so let's approach it with kindness and grace, knowing that everyone faces their own struggles. Wishing you a joyous Christmas and safe holidays from the Wellbeing Staff – Liv, Mel, and Kelsea.

Food bank also provides food for our Breakfast Club which we run 3 days a week at school. Providing all our students with a nutritional option if they have not had breakfast at home. Breakfast is such an important meal of the day as it provides fuel for our students to be able to concentrate and learn in class.



# Calendar 2024

TERM 1 2024		
WEEK 1	DATE	EVENT
Monday	29 January	➤ Office open
Tuesday	30 January	➤ Mentor interview day
Wednesday	31 January	➤ Year 7, 11 & 12 students return
Thursday	1 February	➤ Year 8-10 students return
WEEK 2	DATE	EVENT
Friday	9 February	➤ CTS Swimming Sports (sessions 3-6)
WEEK 3	DATE	EVENT
Monday	12 February	➤ HSSSD Senior Boys Cricket (at Timboon)
Friday	16 February	➤ Pupil free day
WEEK 4	DATE	EVENT
Friday	23 February	➤ HSSSD Swimming (at Terang)
WEEK 5	DATE	EVENT
Monday	26 February	➤ Golf Australia (at Camperdown) – must have a handicap
WEEK 6	DATE	EVENT
Monday	4 March	➤ Game & Field Clay Target Shoot at Laang
Tuesday	5 March	➤ CTS Athletics Sports

### COBDEN SWIMMING CLUB

Cobden Swimming Club will be up and running Monday to Thursday nights between 5:00pm-6:00pm from Monday 27th November. Feel free to come every night or just once a week. David Robertson (Robbo) and Matthew Coverdale are our experienced coaches who volunteer their time to teach our children and adults.

People can have three Trial swims before full membership is due. Please come along and see if you enjoy it. We aim to provide a fun learning environment with games also featuring highly in training (water polo, vollyball etc.). Diving from the blocks is a huge highlight for the kids leading into school sports. Please note that we are a stroke development club and it is preferred that swimmers be able to swim one length of the 33m pool.

We will have a break over the Christmas and New Year period. This season will also see the return of our Swimming Carnival in Cobden. A fantastic event people from around the district compete in what is a great opportunity to put their swimming skills to the test.

Swimming Club fees (including Swimming Victoria & National membership)

- Swimmer 8 years and under - \$140.45
- Swimmer 9 years and over - \$151.45
- Dry member (parents) - \$15.46 (One parent must be signed up per family)



Please note normal pool entry fees also apply .

Any questions contact Matthew Coverdale 0417 650 026 or Wendy Bailey 0439 694185.

See you in the water!



# "LETS LEARN GOLF"

We want our Juniors to learn the game at the Cobden Golf Club

Coaching dates from 10:00am  
 Sunday Nov 26th, Dec 3rd, 10th & 17th  
 Christmas break  
 Sunday Jan 7th, 14th, 21st & 28th

Coaching by Michael Bainbridge - PGA Golf Pro and Sam Rix current Cobden Golf Club Champion.

All junior golfers are welcome to attend our FREE Golf Coaching Clinics - All equipment supplied  
 Phone Cobden Golf Club (03) 5595 1393 to book in

Junior Golf at Cobden Golf Club is supported by the Frank Hodgson bequest

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## NEW YEAR'S EVE

From 5pm  
 Family friendly

Mini Trains

Mini Golf

Pioneer Park

