



# COBDEN TECHNICAL SCHOOL

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**Term 3 Week 3**

**2 August 2024**

*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 Teamwork - HEART*

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**School Council Parent/Student Representatives:** Jemma Couch (President) Mardi Foster (Vice President)  
Anita La Franchi Rebecca Armistead Fiona Dobbins Lillyanna Mahoney Amanda Weel

*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

Narelle Holliday – Acting Principal



### Welcome, Anna Gore!

We are thrilled to welcome Anna Gore, our new Curriculum Lead Teacher, to our school. Anna brings a wealth of experience from her previous work in schools in Warrnambool. Anna is teaching Year 11 and 12 VM students and Year 8 PE class. She has already hit the ground running, assisting teachers in updating curriculum documentation and supporting staff with the implementation of the Victorian Curriculum 2.0. We are excited about the positive impact she will have on our school’s academic programs.

### Welcome Back Reinier Bouman

It has been great to see Mr Bouman back at School. His long service leave in Semester One and two was highlighted by a trip to Europe. Mr Bouman is teaching Year 7 and 8 Robotics and Electronics and Year 8 Digital Technologies. He is also helping out in the PE classes and working towards getting the recently purchased laptops into circulation.

### Exciting Upgrades Approved

We are pleased to announce that the school council has approved the installation of toilets in Johno's Shed. This improvement is part of a larger upgrade in this area that includes new carpet, replacing the curtains and enhancements to the stage. These updates will greatly benefit our school community by providing more functional and comfortable facilities for our students and staff.

## Updated Uniform Policy

The school council has also updated the uniform policy. Students are now allowed to wear black or white long-sleeve tops under their school shirts, provided these tops do not have visible logos. This change is aimed at providing more comfort and flexibility and we think the black tops will look neat under the green shirts being chosen by some students.

## Upcoming Events

We are looking forward to Year 11 Melbourne Work Experience Camp, which will commence on Monday, 12 August. These experiences provide valuable opportunities for our students to explore potential career paths and gain practical skills in real-world settings.

## Showcasing Excellence

This week, the Greater Southwest Network of Principals is showcasing excellence in our schools. We would like to highlight the students who have recently received Heart Value Awards. These students are leading the way with their exemplary behaviour and commitment to our school values. Congratulations to all the award recipients!

## Assistant Principal Report

Sarah Cook – Assistant Principal



**Welcome Back-** It has been a great start to Term 3. An assembly was held at the beginning of the term to celebrate students' many achievements from Semester 1 and Term 2. As part of our School Wide Positive Behaviour work students were recognised for achieving the most positive HEART value merit points. The top student in each year level for the term received a canteen voucher and the top students from each year level for the semester excitedly received a new CTS beanie or drink bottle. These have been worn proudly by students outside to keep warm and other students are now working hard to earn their beanie. Students also received certificates for displaying HEART values in specific classes and it was wonderful to see so many students recognised for a variety of reasons. This assembly it was great to see some parents come along, and we will continue to find ways to include families in these important events, if you have any ideas for ways we can further engage our families please contact us we would love to hear them.



**Hello Kenzo-** I would like to extend a warm welcome to Kenzo who is joining us from France for six months on an exchange program. Kenzo has settled in very well into the Year 10 cohort and is enjoying his classes particularly cooking and Indonesian. He already speaks French, Spanish and English and he loves to learn. He said he chose Australia because it's a different country than his and he loves "these animals, history, buildings and I want to discover a new country. I think it is a very good opportunity to discover a different culture, new people and It's the best way to improve my English and mostly because it's a once in a life opportunity."



**Principals Day** – Today is Principal’s Day and we are encouraged to celebrate the outstanding work by principals. I would like to acknowledge the terrific job Narelle Holliday has done since taking on the acting position and staff held a morning tea to thank Narelle, Naz as she is more commonly known, for her dedication to CTS.

**Mobile Phones** - This term we have been focusing upon mobile phones and devices introducing our updated policy to students which explicitly prohibits earbuds from being worn during school hours and students are also required to turn off notification on smart watches and refrain from using such devices for communication purposes. This helps ensure that school is a learning environment free from unnecessary distractions and disruptions. By ensuring mobile phones are kept away at recess and lunch times, students can interact with each other face-to-face, without the distractions and social pressures that mobile phones can cause. Students are permitted to wear wired in headphones with teacher permission during classes when appropriate and as per individual learning plans. We have a wellbeing event ‘Control your Scroll’ scheduled next week to support students to manage and use their devices appropriately.



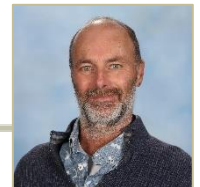
**Events** - There is another full term ahead with some events already occurring. The events include Humanities excursions, VM Industry Tours and a Year 12 VCE PE camp as well as the Year 11 Melbourne Work Experience. Sports this term include basketball, boys netball, clay target shooting and table tennis. The Senior’s Lunches are scheduled for two Thursdays, and staff are also involved in wellbeing and behaviour support training mentoring programs and literacy and numeracy professional community days which are important to ensure we are always learning and growing ourselves. We have our VET Open Afternoon for the CTTC in Week 4 and our information session for Year 10 students in Week 6 to support them choosing an appropriate pathway for 2025. It is important that consent is given promptly on Compass to all events so that we are able to plan accordingly.

**Uniform** - With the weather getting colder we notice non uniform items creeping back in. Students are permitted to wear plain black or white long sleeves with no visible logos to keep warm. Pants are to be all black – trackpants, leggings or jeans are not permitted. All black jackets/coats and CTS beanies may be worn outside. Shoes must be covered in all black shoes, students may bring their PE shoes or work boots to put on for classes. If students are out of uniform for a day please bring a note explaining why and when they will be back in uniform. You may also contact Liv, our Wellbeing Coordinator, if you require any uniform support.

Wishing everyone a successful Term 3, please reach out if there is anything we can support you with or you would like to provide feedback to support our work at CTS.

## Senior Subschool Report

Jason Beveridge – Senior Subschool leader



### Senior Pathways Information Evening

All Year 10 students and their parents/guardians are invited to our Senior Pathways Information Evening on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> August, 4:00pm – 5:00pm.

This is an opportunity to gather all the information necessary to help students navigate their pathway through Year 11 and 12. The evening will focus on helping you understand the options available for students completing Year 11 and 12 including outlining the differences between VCE and VCE VM, explaining what a VET course is, and exploring the possibilities of SBAT’s. We will provide general guidance as to the pathways that exist to employment (including apprenticeships) or further study at TAFE or University.

This evening will be a great chance for students and parents/guardians to become better informed about the recently reformed VCE, to ask questions and to start discussions about what will be the best fit for them moving into 2025 and 2026.

We hope to see all Year 10 students and their parents/guardians there!

### Corangamite Trade Training Cluster (CTTC) Open Afternoon

We encourage all Year 10 and 11 families to attend the CTTC Open Afternoon at the various campuses on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> August, 3:30-5:00pm (see flyer on page 4 for more details).



**OPEN AFTERNOON**



# Open Afternoon

for prospective 2025 enrolments

**Wednesday 7 August 2024**

**3:30pm - 5:00pm**

All campuses of the Corangamite Trade Training Cluster will be open, providing an opportunity to explore facilities and seek course information.

- Camperdown College:** Make-Up, Salon Assistant
- Cobden Technical School:** Automotive, Building & Construction, Electrotechnology, Engineering [2nd Year]
- Derrinallum College:** Business, Creative Industries
- Terang College:** Active Volunteering
- Timboon P-12 School:** Hospitality, Engineering [1st Year], Music [Industry],

**Talk to your VET Coordinator for more information**



## Junior Subschool Report

Jen McLennan – Junior Subschool leader



It is with great pleasure that I add to my role Year 9 Subschool Leader, while also supporting our wonderful Year 7 and 8 students. Our Junior Subschool is thriving, and I am excited to share some important updates and reminders with you.

### Congratulations to Our HEART Award Winners

Our students have been excelling in demonstrating the HEART values: Honesty, Empathy, Achievement, Respect, and Teamwork. We are proud to introduce the new style beanies that look fantastic on our students. Congratulations to those in the Junior Subschool who have already been awarded these beanies for their exemplary behaviour. We will be recognizing and awarding more students in the coming weeks, so keep up the great work!

### Equipment and Respect

A quick reminder about the importance of bringing and taking care of your equipment. Students are expected to come to class prepared with all necessary supplies and to treat their equipment with respect. Breaking pens and pencils in class not only creates a mess but also disrupts students' ability to complete their work. Additionally, it's a financial strain—we don't want to keep replacing pens!

### Practice Kindness and Respect

Lastly, I urge everyone to be kind and considerate to one another. Practice respect and empathy when speaking with, to and about each other. Our school community thrives when we all show kindness and support. Let's all do our part to maintain a positive and productive learning environment.

Thank you for your continued cooperation and enthusiasm. Let's make this term a great one.



## Senior Citizens Luncheon

Jen McLennan



Every month, the Cobden Senior Citizens Centre hosts a catered luncheon, and our SRC and Year 9/10 food classes have the privilege of regularly providing these meals. Recently, five of our dedicated students, Olivia Benson, Marli Phillips, Connor Jennings, Kayley Mahoney, and Kenzo Castano Castejon, joined Mrs McLennan and Kerri Blain at the centre for a delightful afternoon.

The luncheon featured a delicious menu of Cottage Pie and vegetables, followed by Sticky Date Pudding, all meticulously prepared by our Year 9/10 students. The guests thoroughly enjoyed their meals, which were not only delicious but also a testament to the hard work and skill of our students.

Engaging with the community in this way is a fantastic opportunity for our students. It allows them to apply their culinary skills in a real-world setting and foster meaningful connections with our senior citizens. Our students always excel in both preparing the food and representing our school with pride and professionalism.

We are incredibly proud of our students for their dedication and enthusiasm. Their contributions make these luncheons a cherished event for our senior citizens and a valuable learning experience for themselves.



## Careers

Jason Beveridge – Careers Coordinator



The last week of second term saw our Year 10 students participate in Work Experience. Despite some last-minute hiccups, we were able to ensure that all students participated in meaningful placements. Feedback from employers regarding the performance of our students was overwhelmingly positive and we were congratulated on the manner in which our students conducted themselves in the workforce and for their 'have a go' attitudes. Students also spoke very positively about the experience and for a number of students they have returned to school with a better understanding of what their career plans are and what they need to do to achieve their goals.



We have hit the ground running in Term 3 and have already seen our Year 11 and 12 Vocational Major students participate in an industry immersion day. Students visited GreenCon, Fonterra and two farms to look at the world of work within the construction, manufacturing and dairy industries and to provide them a better understanding of how these industries interact. The event was supported by the Neil Porter Legacy and students were particularly taken by the nature of the new dairy built by GreenCon that is set to become the new industry standard of the future.



Our partnership with the Neil Porter Legacy is extremely fruitful and in the coming weeks senior students will participate in a gas industry immersion day, whilst junior students will participate in a career's in maths and science event. Our partnership with the Neil Porter Legacy is assisting us to provide a wide range of career's activities to meet the needs of our students. We are also working with Neil Porter to provide career's activities for staff. We are currently in discussions to create an event that allows staff to visit a range of local employers to learn more about the job opportunities that exist in our local region.

As we enter our third term, the end begins to loom large for our Year 12 students. To assist in alleviating the stresses that can be associated with this transitional period in our young person's life, we are offering students and parents the opportunity to participate in a careers conference at the school. Students and parents can work with the school to map out potential pathways for students as they enter the world of further study or employment. For those contemplating further study, we will provide advice and guidance as they prepare to navigate the VTAC application process.

Year 11 students will shortly participate in a week of Work Experience in Melbourne. Student placements have all been finalised and itinerary and administrative details sorted. Staff and students who will attend are looking forward to what should be a great school camp experience.

## Opinion Survey

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### WE WANT OUR PARENTS / CAREGIVERS / GUARDIANS TO TELL US WHAT THEY THINK!

Our school is conducting the annual Parent / Caregiver / Guardian Opinion Survey offered by the Department of Education and is seeking your feedback. The survey is designed to assist schools in gaining an understanding of families' perceptions of school climate, student behavior, and student engagement. The survey is optional, but we encourage and appreciate your participation. Our school will use the survey results to assist in identifying areas for improvement and professional development needs in the school, to target school planning and improvement strategies.

The Parent / Caregiver / Guardian Opinion Survey will be open online from **Monday 29 July to Friday 30 August 2024**.

All families are invited to participate in the survey.

The survey will be conducted **online**, only takes **20 minutes** to complete, and can be accessed at any convenient time on desktop computers, laptops, tablets or smartphones.

The online survey will be available in English and 10 other languages including Arabic, Greek, Hakha Chin, Hindi, Japanese, Punjabi, Simplified Chinese, Somali, Turkish, and Vietnamese. Resources are also available in additional languages to assist parents / caregivers / guardians who speak a language other than English at home. Please reach out to your child's teacher, or the school directly for survey guides in your language.

Please speak to Mrs. Holliday if you would like more information.

## Sports Report

Belinda Savage – Sports Co-ordinator



### Upcoming Events – Term 2

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> August GWR Tabletennis (TBC – Ballarat or Warrnambool)  
Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> August Netball Victoria – Senior Boys Netball (Melbourne)  
Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> August Noorat Clay Target Shooting Practice (1 pm to 3.30 pm)  
Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> August South West Zone Clay Target Shooting Championships

### School Sport Victoria State Cross Country Championship at Yarra Glenn

What an amazing achievement by Kayden Daffy not only winning our CTS Cross Country, but then going on to qualify at the HSSSD Interschool Cross Country, the Greater Western Region Cross Country to then also qualify to compete at the School Sport Victoria State Cross Country championships in Yarra Glen (Melbourne). Super effort to qualify and compete in the U17-20 age group and to run an amazing time of 20:13.65 for a 5km event in very muddy, wet and trying conditions. Well done, Kayden.



### HSSSD Junior Basketball - Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July

Well done to our Junior Girls Basketball Team (Alanna Warden, Akeisha Bishop, Chali Robbins, Olivia Benson and Sophie Mahoney) who competed at Camperdown. Was great to watch the team improve over the day and never give up.

CTS 10 drew with Terang P-12 College 10

CTS 12 lost to Camperdown P-12 College 16

CTS 6 lost to Timboon P-12 12

CTS 12 lost to Mercy Regional College 29



Our Junior Boys team ended up very short on numbers but thank you to some fill ins on the day we were still able to compete. (Cooper Daffy, Xander Weel, Nathan Patulloch and Zabe Ripohau. The students worked as a team utilising their individual strengths and some terrific scoring opportunities were taken and successful, with Zabe the highest scorer for the day. Also a big thank you to Mrs Cook for coaching the team.

Also, thanks go to our two Year 10 students Zac Stevens and Felix Nguena Nguena for putting their hands up to referee for the day. Your help and assistance were greatly appreciated.

### HSSSD Senior and Intermediate Boys Basketball (Terang) - Monday 29<sup>th</sup> July

Well done to our Senior and Intermediate boys who played in Terang. Some of our Intermediate Boys had to step up and fill gaps in the senior team which was really appreciated. Well done to Jayden Gass, Kayden Daffy, Brodey Muller De Vent, Felix Nguena Nguena, Zac Stevens, Bailey Clarke, Adam Jopling, Noah Bignell, Ewen Robbins, Landyn Muller De Vent, Lenny Dobbins, Trent Chamberlain, Seth Meade and Mason Mitchell on a great day. Thank you to Mr Brett Taylor for his assistance with refereeing and coaching.



**Cobden Night Volleyball competition**

Well done to Adam Jopling and Felix Nguena Nguena who were team members of a team called "Pirates" and they won the B Grade division of the local Volleyball competition. The Pirates were well led by a former teacher, Kelvin White.



**Hockey Stars**

Well done, Taliyah, Akeisha, and Harmoney Bishop for competing at the 2024 State Hockey Championships held in Shepparton in July. They all represented the South West Warrnambool Eagles team with Taliyah competing in the U16 team, Akeisha in the U14 team and Harmoney in the U12 team.

Their dedication to hockey has seen them selected into these teams. Congratulations and well done on this fantastic effort and achievement.





The first two weeks of Term 3 have flown by. We have checked in with multiple students after their break, and several students have accessed support from our Mental Health Practitioner, Kelsea. Numerous smaller check-in appointments have been conducted with students across all year levels.

Art and music projects are on the horizon and currently in the planning stages with multiple agencies. These initiatives are utilising our wellbeing budget and the Mental Health Tiles from the education department. These projects will greatly benefit many students, especially since we do not currently offer these subjects. They will create a safe environment for students to build their capacity while learning about their wellbeing in a different space.

An event named "Control Your Scroll" has been planned for early August. This presentation is tailored to engage both junior and senior students and should be very interesting and beneficial for all – teachers included!

In addition to the technology-based presentations, the school nurse and I are working to organise a Cyber Safety presentation for our junior year groups with Constable John Keats and Brooke Pollock. This presentation will help students understand the importance of being careful online and the potential consequences of different actions.

Breakfast Club is still rolling 3 days a week and as always, is proving to be successful.



## Bullying No Way: National week of action

This year Cobden Technical School is participating in the Bullying No Way: National week of action, **12 to 16 August 2024**.

Bullying No Way Week is a commitment being made by thousands of schools and supporters across the country. It provides an opportunity to demonstrate our commitment to bullying prevention. It gives us an opportunity to connect with students, staff and school communities to implement workable solutions to prevent bullying.

The new hero colour for the campaign is purple – symbolising peace, strength and empowerment to take a stand against bullying behaviour.

The theme for this year's campaign is **Everyone belongs**. This theme highlights the importance of creating a sense of belonging and inclusion for students. We recognise bullying often thrives in environments where individuals feel marginalised or excluded, and it is our collective responsibility to ensure that every student feels valued and respected.

"Positive school climates that value diversity and inclusion can foster a sense of belonging and provide a protective factor against negative peer relationships and reduce bullying." (Australian Education Research Organisation 2023).

For more information about Bullying No Way Week and bullying prevention, visit the [Bullying No Way](#) website.


During the week we will be engaging students in meaningful discussions and activities aimed at promoting empathy, understanding, and respect for diversity. We encourage parents and carers to take this opportunity to have open and honest conversations with their children about the impact of bullying and what they can do if they need support. You can visit the [Bullying No Way website](#) for tips around how to have this discussion.

If you have concerns that your child is being bullied, please **contact Sarah Cook - AP or Liv Williams - Wellbeing**, in the first instance. If you believe the behaviour constitutes a crime, or is a serious incident of cyberbullying, please refer to the Bullying No Way website for information on [how to report](#) to other authorities and [access wellbeing help](#).

### TERM 3 2024

WEEK 4	DATE	EVENT
Wednesday	7 August	➤ VET CTTC Open Afternoon (3:30-5:00pm) -see flyer on page 4
Thursday	8 August	➤ GWR Table Tennis
WEEK 5	DATE	EVENT
Mon-Fri	12-16 August	➤ Year 11 Melbourne Work Experience
Tuesday	13 August	➤ Netball Victorian – Senior Boys Netball (Melbourne)
Friday	16 August	➤ Gas Industry visit (Year 11 & 12)
WEEK 6	DATE	EVENT
Tuesday	20 August	➤ Budj Bim excursion (Year 7 & 9 Humanities)
Wednesday	21 August	➤ Year 10 Senior Pathway Information Session (4:00-5:00pm)
Friday	23 August	➤ Daffodil Day
WEEK 7	DATE	EVENT
Thursday	29 August	➤ Noorat Clay Target Shoot
Thursday	29 August	➤ Maths & Science @ Work (Terang)

**Progressing Cobden Inc Needs YOUR Help!**



Not necessarily to join up or do stuff  
 We're holding a review on  
**MONDAY 5th AUGUST, 6.30pm-8pm**  
 in the HEYTESBURY ROOM, COBDEN CIVIC HALL  
 And we're looking for YOUR thoughts

Currently, our Constitution says:  
 The purpose of the association is to foster  
 and develop the community of Cobden and district.

Does this purpose go far enough?  
 Other questions will be asked at this review . . .

- "What should PC look like in a few years?"
- "What would you like PC to be doing now?"
- "What does PC do pretty well?"
- "What could PC do a whole lot better?"
- "How can PC achieve better representation?"
- "Should there even be a Progressing Cobden?"

**A GUEST FACILITATOR WILL LEAD THE SESSION**  
 We're inviting community members to join us  
**AT 6.30PM FOR FINGER-FOOD AND A CUPPA**  
**AT 7PM, THE FACILITATOR WILL FIRE EVERYONE UP.**  
**AT 8PM, WE WILL ALL GO HOME, SHORT, SHARP AND NO STRESS.**

As well as individual community members,  
 all Cobden organisations are invited to send representatives.

For catering purposes, we'll need you to RSVP by  
 Thursday 1st August – text with names to 0429 921 876.  
 Other inquiries are also welcome.

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 Q and A session with Director Simon Lyndon and Writer Producer Leila McDougall following screening  
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