



# COBDEN TECHNICAL SCHOOL

McKenzie Street, Cobden Vic 3266  
P ♦ 5595 1202  
E ♦ cobden.ts@education.vic.gov.au

*Committed to Students, Committed to Success*

Be sure to check out the website for our school  
<https://www.cobtech.vic.edu.au/>

## Term 1 Week 10 March 2025

*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*

### Inside this Issue

Principal’s Desk.....	1
Assistant Principal Report .....	2
Junior Subschool Report.....	3
Senior Subschool & Career Report.....	4
Sports Report.....	5
Wellbeing Report.....	7
<b>Calendar.....</b>	<b>8</b>

**School Council Parent/Student Representatives:** Anita La Franchi Rebecca Armistead Fiona Dobbins 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

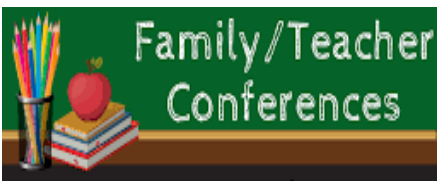


Narelle Holliday – Principal

We can all see the end of Term 1 fast approaching; however, we do have a busy week ahead to finish off the term. We have had a very full and productive start to the year. There’s been so much happening—from fantastic sporting achievements to strong academic progress—and it’s been a pleasure to see our students engaging positively across all areas of school life.

Next term Mr Smart will be taking some well-earned long service leave. I would like to wish him and his wife all the best for their time away. We have made a number of changes to the timetable during Term 2 with some different staff covering classes, students will get a new paper copy of their timetable when they return from the holidays.

This term has seen our students proudly representing Cobden Technical School at various interschool sporting events. They’ve made us proud not only in their efforts but also in their presentation, thanks to our brand-new PE shirts. A big thank you to Active Schools for funding the new shirts and to Mr Simmonds for coordinating their rollout. In even more exciting news, a new ninja playground is set to be installed over the holidays. This will be a great addition to our PE program and break times, and we’re grateful again to Active Schools and Mr Simmonds for bringing this to life.



Inside the classroom, students have been completing some excellent work. Our teachers are looking forward to sharing this progress with families at the upcoming Family-Teacher Conferences on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April. If you haven’t booked a time yet, please jump online and secure an interview before the day—we’d love to see as many families as possible.

On Tuesday, we will be holding our annual school Cross Country. It's always a great event, and we'd love to see families come along and cheer on the students. Whether they're running, walking or just giving it a go, it's a wonderful way to end the term together.



I'd also like to take a moment to reassure families following recent media reports about school building project funding. I have been assured by our representative at the Victorian School Building Authority that our funding is secure. We are currently updating our emergency management procedures in preparation for the tender process, which is the next step in our building journey.

Our next School Council meeting will be held on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> April and will serve as our Annual General Meeting. The Annual Report will be tabled at this meeting, and we're hoping to welcome some new parent representatives on to the Council. If you're interested in supporting the school in this way, please collect an application form from the office—and feel free to encourage others in our community who might like to contribute too.

We also attempted to hold a Parents and Friends meeting last week, but unfortunately only one parent was able to attend. We completely understand how busy family life is, and we're not expecting this group to be a fundraising committee. Instead, we're looking for a few parents who might help coordinate a few events and activities throughout the year. We only plan to hold one meeting per term, so if you'd like to be involved, please keep an eye out for another opportunity in Term 2. If you have suggestions about a day or time that would suit you best, we'd love to hear from you.

Our Easter raffle will be drawn on Thursday, please get your donations in for prizes and your tickets back to the office by Tuesday. Fingers crossed you might win some chocolate!



Finally, as we head into the school holidays, I'd encourage everyone to check in on their own wellbeing and that of their children. Rest, recharge, and come back to Term 2 refreshed and ready to go. Thank you for your ongoing support - it's what helps make Cobden Technical School such a special place to learn and grow.

## Assistant Principal Report

Sarah Cook – Assistant Principal

Our review last year involved a deep dive into our student and parent data and we have been working hard to look at ways to support the areas that were identified as priorities and a need to improve.

Next term we have some significant educational opportunities for our students. Year 7-9 students will participate in **Project Rockit**. This presentation empowers students to create a culture that challenges bullying, online and in person. Students are equipped with socially credible strategies to take action and unite together, instead of standing by.

Students in Year 9-12 will attend **Be Wise – Violence is Never OK**. This is an educational presentation presented by the Pat Cronin Foundation. Be Wise presentations are designed to change student perceptions of social violence. Finally, we are also going to be involved in a special program focusing upon **Vaping Education**. We look forward to sharing more information with you about these programs and working with our community to improve student wellbeing and engagement. Please keep an eye on Compass for some opportunities for parents and guardians to engage with resources from these programs

### Family Conferences – Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April

We look forward to seeing families at our conferences on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April. It is a very valuable opportunity to talk to your child's teachers about their progress, goals and any supports needed or concerns. If you need help to book please contact our friendly admin staff who can do this for you. Students are strongly encouraged to attend these conferences as there are no scheduled classes on this day.

### Goodluck – School for Student Leadership

Three Year 9 students, Nate, Nathan and Rhys have a wonderful opportunity ahead as they attend the Don Valley Campus next term. We look forward to sharing more about their journey and wish them luck.



## Congratulations – Katie

Katie represented the School at Regional Swimming in Horsham in the 400 Free and IM last week. A wonderful achievement to make this level!

## Last day of Term

On Friday we will be having a casual clothes day, lunch time activities and our annual easter egg hunt to finish off the day with school ending at 2:30pm.



## Holidays and Term 2

Over the holidays, please check if your child requires any stationery, check students bags for any work brought home and ensure you have uniform ready for the cooler impending weather next term. Enjoy the break, stay safe and we look forward to seeing you back in Term 2. Important Week 1 Term 2 – school will only occur Tuesday to Thursday as the Monday is Easter Monday and Friday is Anzac Day. We will be participating in an Anzac Day Ceremony with further details to follow as we will invite the CTS community to attend.

## Junior Subschool Report

Jen McLennan – Junior Subschool leader



As we reach the end of another fantastic term, it's a great time to reflect on the many achievements and experiences our Year 7-9 students have had.



We have had some exciting excursions recently, with our Junior Art students heading out last Friday, and Year 7 and 8 will be participating in a gymnastics session this Thursday. These experiences are wonderful opportunities for students to learn in new environments and challenge themselves in different ways.

A huge congratulations to all 7 and 9 students for their efforts in their NAPLAN assessments this term. Remember, your results are just one measure of your skills and abilities—they do not define you. Keep striving for your best and always take pride in your growth and progress.

It was fantastic to see such a great turnout at the Year 7 Afternoon Tea. A big thank you to the parents who attended and well done to our Year 7 students for their efforts in catering and speaking at the event. Your hard work and enthusiasm were truly impressive!

We also had a wonderful Open Night, where our Year 7 students once again stepped up, speaking confidently and sharing their passion for our school with potential future students and their families. Their enthusiasm and pride in their school were evident, and we are incredibly proud of them.



Another highlight was the Year 7 Activity Day in Port Fairy. Students had a great time crabbing, exploring Griffiths Island, enjoying some delicious hot chips, and wrapping up the day with an exciting surfing session in Warrnambool. It was fantastic to see so many students step out of their comfort zone and try something new.

As we head into the holidays, we encourage everyone to take a well-earned break. Enjoy your time to rest, recharge, and spend time with family and friends. We look forward to seeing you all refreshed and ready for another great term ahead!



## Senior Subschool Report

Jason Beveridge – Senior Subschool leader



As we approach the end of Term 1, the workload required of our senior students tends to increase rapidly. All classes are coming to the end of units of work and setting assessment tasks. As a school we try to avoid putting too many assessments on at once, but the reality is that most subjects will be completing their first topics at about the same time. This may mean that students become stressed and/or overwhelmed. We encourage students and parents to let us know if the workload is causing any untoward stress to enable us to work with you to alleviate any such problem. Students are reminded that the best way to approach their studies is by instigating a program of constant revision and reflection. This allows students the best possible platform for remembering facts and can help to make assessment tasks appear less daunting. I also remind students that they can ask Ms Formby or Mr Beveridge for help if they need assistance in organising their time.

Our student school leaders have been meeting with leading staff as we seek to establish a renewed and vibrant Student Voice Committee. Students will work with staff to establish a memorandum of understanding that outlines exactly what form we would like our Student Voice Committee to take. We have engaged with the Corangamite Shire Council and SRC Victoria to help us to invigorate this committee and to help us provide greater opportunities for our students. We are excited by the prospect of a strong, vocal, engaged and purposeful Student Voice Committee and look forward to working with our senior students as they drive this program.



All senior students are reminded that there should be no mobile phones at school (this includes the Year 12 room) and that phones will be confiscated if seen. Students are also reminded that they are required to be in full school uniform at all times. As we start to head into the winter months, please remember that hoodies are not part of our school uniform. We encourage you to dress appropriately for the cooler conditions whilst maintaining the integrity of your school uniform.

I would like to acknowledge the contribution of our senior students who attended the Inter-School Athletics Carnival. Our senior students took time out of their busy schedules to represent their school. I am told that our senior students were great ambassadors for our school and excellent role models for our younger students. Well done!

As we approach the term break, it is good time to remind those students who will be sitting exams later in the year that the holidays are a good time to review the work you have covered so far. The students who achieve the best results at the end of the year have historically been those who put in a consistent effort across the year and do not leave all their revision until the end of the year. Put in some hard work now and reap the rewards later!

## Careers

Jason Beveridge – Careers Coordinator



A group of students from Year's 10-12 attended the Tertiary Information Service in Camperdown on the 20<sup>th</sup> March. Students were exposed to a presentation describing life as a university student, how students go about applying for a position in a university course, some of the hurdles they may have to jump in pursuing future study, the help that is available to them and the benefits attained by studying a university degree. Students were then given the opportunity to explore future options for tertiary study as they circulated around the room visiting stalls conducted by all the major universities and many TAFE institutions. Students came away from the event with a wealth of literature to read to learn more about the options available to them (and also a wide selection of freebies). Some students gained a greater understanding of exactly which course and institution they would like to attend, whilst others gained greater exposure to the range of opportunities available to them.

Whilst our Year 12's are the point of determining what will come next our Year 10's are just beginning to consider the world of work and what the future may hold for them. The Year 10 Work Experience will run from the 30<sup>th</sup> June until the 4<sup>th</sup> July in 2025. Students have been provided with the necessary forms and given guidance as to what they need to do to attain a Work Experience placement. Students have been encouraged to try to organise a placement over the holidays.

Our Year 11's will also be given the opportunity to undertake Work Experience in third term. Year 11 students are encouraged to take advantage of the opportunities presented to them by the Melbourne Work Experience Camp. Students who attend the camp will participate in arrange of activities (outside of work hours) to improve their familiarity with Melbourne. Students who do not participate in the Melbourne Work Experience Camp will be expected to find a Work Experience placement locally for this week. Expression of interest forms regarding the Melbourne Work Experience Camp have been distributed to students and need to be returned ASAP (at least before the end of term).

We continue to have an ever increasing number of students on School Based Apprenticeships. This is a great program and encourages many students to stay at school longer whilst also being able to experience a gentler introduction to the workforce.

Anyone with queries about our Work Experience program, tertiary study opportunities or School Based Apprenticeships should contact Mr Beveridge.

## Sports Report

Belinda Savage – Sports Co-ordinator



### Upcoming Events – Term 2

<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> April</b>	<b>CTS Cross Country (Session 2)</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>28<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>HSSSD Girls Football and Boys Netball (at Camperdown)</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>30<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>Colac Clay Target Shooting Comp (at Colac)</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>12<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>HSSSD Interschool Cross Country (Camperdown)</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>14<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>HSSSD Interschool Senior Boys Football</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>14<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>HSSSD Interschool Senior and Intermediate Girls Netball</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>26<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>GWR Cross Country (at Warrnambool)</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>5<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>HSSSD Interschool Junior (Year 7 -9) Boys Football</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>5<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>HSSSD Interschool Junior Year (7-8) Girls Netball</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>10<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>GWR Interschool Senior and Inter Badminton (Ballarat)</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>25<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>GWR Interschool Junior Badminton (Ballarat)</b>

### HSSSD Interschool Athletics (Track and Field) at Camperdown

It was good to see so many of our students qualify, attend and compete at the HSSSD Interschool Athletics in Camperdown on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> March. Lots of fantastic results, achievements and great to see all the students competing and giving 110%. A big thank you to the students who also picked up some extra events on the day.

<b>GLENFYNE GOLD</b>	<b>TANDAROOK RED</b>	<b>SHENFIELD BLUE</b>
Ryan B	Amiyah B	Stephanie S
Tilda W	Olivia B	Randy A
Katie H	Tilly P	Alanna W
Ely T	Chloe M	Akeisha B
Cooper B	Nate La F	Chali R
Harry R	Jamison A	Taliyah B
Aaron T	Kaylee M	Riley B
Oliver R	Marli P	Ewen R
Olivia B	Marcus O	Hayden C
Felix N	Landyn M	Korie H
Zac S	Zoe B	Cooper D
Adam J	Noah B	Lucas S
Phoebe H	Tabitha P	
Bradey F	Brodey M	
Ethan D	Bailey L	
Rhys S	Nickeya M	
Xander W	Angus M	

Thank you to the staff who also attended and helped run events on the day. The weather was perfect and conditions ideal for all events. Well done to the following students who have now qualified to compete at the Greater Western Region Interschool Athletics Carnival in Ballarat on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> October:

Chloe M	U13 Girls Discus
Stephanie S	U14 Girls Discus
Noah B	U17 Boys Javelin
Ryan B	U13 Boys Javelin
Xander W	U15 Boys 1500m
Riley B	U16 Boys 400m, 800m and 1500m
Harry R	U14 Boys 100m, 200m, Discus, Long Jump
Rhys S	U15 Boys 100m, 200m and 400m



#### Greater Western Region Lawn Bowls at Ararat on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> March

On another very hot sunny day, perfect bowling conditions we had two senior teams, and two Junior teams compete at Ararat. Each team played in their own pool:

- The Senior Boys team of Alan W, Zac S and Ryan A narrowly missed out on playing off in the final of both pools, winning three of their four matches and just going down 4 – 2 to Phoneix College who played off in the Grand Final. Thanks to Jedda for guiding the team and helping on the day.
- Our Junior team of Nathan P, Alana W and Xander W (superbly guided by Ingrid Bellman) also just narrowly missed the playoffs, winning three, drawing one and losing one game 4-3 to Stawell College.
- Our other Senior Boys team (thanks to Neal Simmonds for helping the team) of Broly H, Riley B, Mason M and Noah B started slowly and improved over the day winning one of their matches against Camperdown College and narrowly losing to Stawell College 3-4.
- The second Junior team consisting of Ryan B, Rhys S, Cooper D and Isaac T won two out of their five matches, quickly adapting to the rules of the game and showing great determination and improvement over the day.



#### Greater Western Region Swimming at Horsham on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> March

Congratulations to Katie H on swimming in the 400m freestyle event, competing in the 12–20 year old age group, competing against 17-year-olds is a big task when you are only 12 years old. Well done Katie, a great opportunity and experience for you, and so good to see you take up the challenge and participate.



## Wellbeing

Kayla Horan (Wellbeing Coordinator)



We have celebrated International Women's Day & Harmony Day over the past few weeks, this gives our students a chance to acknowledge one another in a positive way and recognise each student's uniqueness. I want to commend all students that participated in conversations and events on these days, it shows our students commitment, not only each other, but to celebrate their own uniqueness.

It was fantastic to see the number of students who attended our HSSSD Athletics Carnival, the level of sportsmanship that our students showed other schools and each other was wonderful to see and students should be proud of the way they represented our school.

Looking forward to Term 2 we have Project Rokit Anti-Bullying program coming on the 24<sup>th</sup> April to speak to our Years 7 to 9 groups. This program is designed to empower students to create a school culture that challenges bullying, online and in person. Students will be equipped with strategies to act and unite together, instead of standing by when they see bullying.



## SchoolTV – Navigating Social Media & Comparison Culture



In today's hyper-connected world, young people are constantly exposed to curated highlights of others' lives—whether through social media, academic achievements, or lifestyle trends. This creates a comparison culture, where self-worth is measured against unrealistic standards, often leading to feelings of inadequacy, self-doubt, and anxiety.

For children and adolescents still developing their sense of identity, this can contribute to low self-esteem, perfectionism, and a reliance on external validation. However, families play a vital role in helping young people build resilience and confidence. Encouraging open conversations, valuing personal growth over comparison, and promoting individuality can help foster a stronger sense of self.

To learn more, we encourage parents to log into SchoolTV to view the full Special Report on Social Media & Comparison Culture.



[https://cobtech.vic.schooltv.me/wellbeing\\_news/special-report-social-media-comparison-culture-au](https://cobtech.vic.schooltv.me/wellbeing_news/special-report-social-media-comparison-culture-au)

## CTS – SchoolTV Parent Carer Survey

Cobden Technical School - School  
TV Parent Carer Survey



TERM 1 2025		
WEEK 10	DATE	EVENT
Tuesday	1 April	➤ CTS Cross Country
Wednesday	2 April	➤ Family Conferences – <b>PUPIL FREE DAY except to attend Conferences</b>
Thursday	3 April	➤ Year 7 & 8 Gymnastics (Warrnambool)
Thursday	3 April	➤ Seniors Lunch
Friday	4 April	➤ Last day of Term 1 @ 2:25pm
TERM 2 2025		
WEEK 1	DATE	EVENT
Monday	21 April	➤ Easter Monday – <b>Public Holiday</b>
Tuesday	22 April	➤ Term 2 Commences
Wednesday	23 April	➤ ANZAC Day Ceremony @ 11:00am (Cobden Cemetery)
Thursday	24 April	➤ Year 7-9 Project Rokit Program
Friday	25 April	➤ ANZAC Day – <b>Public Holiday</b>
WEEK 2	DATE	EVENT
Monday	28 April	➤ HSSSD Boys Netball & Intermediate & Senior Girls Football (Camperdown)
Tuesday	29 April	➤ School Council @ 5:00pm
Wednesday	30 April	➤ Colac Clay Target Shoot
Thursday	1 May	➤ Seniors Lunch
WEEK 4	DATE	EVENT
Monday	12 May	➤ HSSSD Cross Country (Camperdown)
Wednesday	14 May	➤ HSSSD Senior Boys Football & Intermediate & Seniors Girls Netball



## ANZAC APPEAL

Our VCE VM students will be visiting Home Groups this week, and the first week of Term 2, to give families an opportunity to support the ANZAC Appeal

### What is a school council and what does it do?

All government schools in Victoria have a school council. They are legally constituted bodies that are given powers to set the broad direction of a school, in accordance with Ministerial Order 1280 Constitution of Government School Councils, and the Education and Training Reform Act 2006. In doing this, a school council may directly influence the quality of education for students.

### Who is on the school council?

For most primary school councils, there are several possible categories of membership:

**A mandated elected parent member category** – more than one-third of the total members must be from this category. Department employees can be parent members at their child's school providing that they are not engaged in work at the school.

**A mandated elected school employee member category** – members of this category make up no more than one-third of membership. The principal of the school is automatically one of these members.

**An optional community member category** – members are co-opted by a decision of the council because of their special skills, interests or experience. Department employees are not eligible to be community members.

A small number of school councils have **nominee members**.

For all schools with a Year 7 and above cohort, there is an additional category of membership:

**A mandated elected student member category, two positions.**

Generally, the term of office for all members is two years. The term of office of half the members expires each year, creating vacancies for the annual school council elections.

### Why is parent membership so important?

Parents on school councils provide important viewpoints and have valuable skills and a range of experiences and knowledge that can help inform and shape the direction of the school.

Those parents who become active on a school council find their involvement satisfying and may also find that their children feel a greater sense of belonging.

### Do I need special experience to be on school council?

Each member brings their own valuable skills and knowledge to the role, however, in order to successfully perform their duties, councillors may need to gain some new skills and knowledge.

It is important to have an interest in your child's school and the desire to work in partnership with others to help shape the school's future.

### Code of conduct for school councillors

School councils in Victoria are public entities as defined by the *Public Administration Act 2004*.

School councillors must comply with the Code of Conduct for Directors of Victorian Public Entities issued by the Victorian Public Sector Commission. The Code of Conduct is based on the Victorian public sector values and requires councillors to:

**act with honesty and integrity** – be truthful, open and clear about their motives and declare any real, potential or perceived conflict of interest and duty

**act in good faith in the best interests of the school** – work cooperatively with other councillors and the school community, be reasonable, and make all decisions with the best interests of students foremost in their minds

**act fairly and impartially** – consider all relevant facts of an issue before making a decision, seek to have a balanced view, never give special treatment to a person or group and never act from self-interest

**use information appropriately** – respect confidentiality and use information for the purpose for which it was made available

**exercise due care, diligence and skill** – accept responsibility for decisions and do what is best for the school

**use the position appropriately** – not use the position as a councillor to gain an advantage

**act in a financially responsible manner** – observe all the above principles when making financial decisions

**comply with relevant legislation and policies** – know what legislation and policies are relevant for which decisions and obey the law

**demonstrate leadership and stewardship** – set a good example, encourage a culture of accountability, manage risks effectively, exercise care and responsibility to keep the school strong and sustainable.

### **Indemnity for school council members**

School councillors are indemnified against any liability in respect of any loss or damage suffered by the council or any other person in respect of anything necessarily or reasonably done, or omitted to be done by the councillor in good faith in:

a. the exercise of a power or the performance of a function of a councillor, or

the reasonable belief that the act or omission was in the exercise of a power or the performance of a function of a council.

In other words, school councillors are not legally liable for any loss or damage suffered by council or others as a result of reasonable actions taken in good faith.

### **How can you become involved?**

By participating in, and voting in the school council elections, which are held in Term 1 each year. However, ballots are only held if more people nominate as candidates than there are positions vacant.

In view of this, you might consider:

standing for election as a member of the school council

encouraging another person to stand for election.

### **What do you need to do to stand for election?**

The principal will issue a Notice of Election and Call for nominations in Term 1 of each year. Council elections must be completed by 31 March, unless varied by the Minister for Education.

If you stand for election, you can arrange for someone to nominate you as a candidate or, you can nominate yourself in the parent member category. You can only be nominated by another member of the same electorate that you are eligible for (e.g. a member of the parent electorate may only nominate another parent of that electorate)

Department employees with a child enrolled at a school where they are not engaged in work, are eligible to nominate for parent membership at that school.

Return your completed nomination form to the principal within the time stated on the Notice of Election. You will receive a Nomination Form Receipt via post, email or by hand delivery.

Generally, if there are more nominations than vacancies a ballot will be conducted in the two weeks after the call for nominations has closed.

### **Remember**

Consider standing for election to school council.

Ask the principal for instructions if you are not sure what to do.

Be sure to vote if the election goes to ballot.

Contact the principal if you are unsure about what is required at any stage of the election process.



Community House  
Camperdown

Join us for our annual Easter School Holiday

# FAMILY FUN DAY

10AM-2PM  
THURSDAY 10TH APRIL

**APEX PARK Camperdown**  
293 Manifold Street


OUTDOOR GAMES \* CRAFT ACTIVITIES \* MUSIC \* BBQ

For More Info  
03 5593 1403  
<https://camperdownch.com.au/>

Our Location  
6 Gunner street, Camperdown VIC 3260

## Corangamite Volleyball

**AUTUMN LAUNCH**  
7pm, Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April  
Cobden Tech Gym  
All ages and genders  
10-week season  
Contacts:  
0431 231651  
0428 799690  
0429 921876




Tuesday 15 April, 7.30 am to 3.30 pm

# YOUTH sports DAY

Camperdown Stadium, 2 Fuller Street

A FREE sports day of fun, fitness and food!

BBQ breakfast and lunch included.  
You don't need to attend every session.  
Sign up for your preferred activities via the QR code or website below.



### SCHEDULE

- 7.30 to 8.15 am  
**YOGA AND PILATES** with Bree Harrison  
Aged 15+ | Max 20 people | BYO mat/towel
- 9.30 am to 12.30 pm  
**TENNIS** with Ben O'Brien  
Aged 12+ | Max 20 people | BYO tennis racquet
- 1 - 3.30 pm  
**BASKETBALL** with Bobby Cunningham  
Aged 12+ | Max 40 people

For young people aged 12 - 25.  
This is a fully-supervised event and is drug, alcohol and smoking free.  
[corangamite.vic.gov.au/youthsportsday](http://corangamite.vic.gov.au/youthsportsday)



# COBDEN

Tues 8th April  
Thurs 10th April  
1.30pm - 3.30pm  
\$3 kids  
\$6 adults

**INCLUDES:**

- Gimmick Mini Golf
- Lego free play.
- Prizes
- Afternoon tea



**We're adding some extra mini golf challenges!**



**VENUE:**  
COBDEN MINI GOLF  
29 GRAYLAND ST  
COBDEN

Legos courtesy of SW Bricks Club



# 'The 4 Peaks Challenge' - 2025

Think you can rise to the challenge of 'summitting' Mt Leura, Mt Sugarloaf, Mt Elephant and Mt Noorat on the same day?

Then this Friends of Mt Leura Inc. activity, in partnership with Mt Leura & Mt Sugarloaf Management Committee, is a must do for you and your family or friends.



<p><b>MTs LEURA AND SUGARLOAF</b></p>  <p>Two of many scoria cones that nest inside an older maar volcano.</p>	<p><b>MT ELEPHANT</b></p>  <p>A perfect breached scoria cone that erupted some 180,000 years ago.</p>	<p><b>MT NOORAT</b></p>  <p>A circular crater that is the deepest scoria enclosed crater in Victoria.</p>
---	--	--

**When:** Sunday April 13th 2025 ... for a full day of activity.

**Where:** Meet/start @ Volcanic Education Centre (Mt Leura Road, Camperdown) at base of Mt Leura at 9.30am. Coffee van onsite.

**BYO:** Morning tea, lunch, snacks and plenty to drink; sunscreen, day pack plus camera and/or binoculars for the terrific views.

**Wear:** Sturdy footwear and clothing suitable for the weather.

**Transport:** BYO vehicle.

*All welcome, and bring the kids ... but please note that some steep and rough terrain will be encountered so a degree of physical fitness is required.*

*This is our 6<sup>th</sup> '4 Peaks Challenge' ..... Keep the tradition going!*

**For more information contact FoML:**

**John Fallon on 0487 341 337**



Supported by:



## Cobden UC Art Group and Cobden Kinder Kids **ART SHOW**



**Sat 5<sup>th</sup> & Sun 6<sup>th</sup> April  
10.00am – 4.00pm**

**Cobden Uniting Church Hall  
\$5.00 entry, students free  
(includes morning / afternoon tea)  
Both Eftpos & cash accepted.**

SOUTH WEST ACADEMY OF SPORT PRESENTS

**SWAS. GOLF AUSTRALIA**

**ASCEND TALENT ID DAY**

**SUNDAY 6TH APRIL**

PORT FAIRY GOLF LINKS  
1.30 PM START - \$30 ENTRY  
ALL JUNIOR GOLFERS WELCOME TO APPLY  
APPLICATIONS ESSENTIAL

*Including*

Golf Australia & PGA Level Coaching  
Introduction To Golf High Performance Pathways  
Prize Giveaways & Much More!

Travis Harrison  
Golf Australia

Anthony Warburton  
PGA Member

SCAN CODE TO APPLY











**AT COBDEN MINI GOLF**

**FREE**

**Easter**

**EGG-STRAVAGANZA**

**EASTER EGG HUNT & VISIT FROM EASTER BUNNY**

**1.30PM**

**SUNDAY 20TH APRIL**





# Youth Training Program

Corangamite Shire Youth Services



Gain the future skills you need with these free courses!  
Free for young people aged 15 - 25.



## BARISTA COFFEE MAKING | SITHFAB025

Tuesday 8 April, 9 am - 3 pm  
Camperdown Community House  
Only 25 spots available

Delivered by Short Courses Australia (RTO ID: 41216)

## PROVIDE FIRST AID - INCLUDES CPR

HLTAID011 / HLTAID009  
Tuesday 8 July, 9 am - 3 pm  
Killara Centre Camperdown  
Only 20 spots available

Delivered by ProMed/Allens Training (RTO ID: 90909)



## POOL LIFEGUARD TRAINING | SISS00133

Tuesday 23 and Wednesday 24 September  
9.30 am - 4.30 pm both days  
Cobden Health Indoor Pool  
Only 20 spots available

Delivered by Life Saving Victoria (RTO ID: 21799)

Registrations essential, scan QR code or visit:  
[www.corangamite.vic.gov.au/Youth-Training](http://www.corangamite.vic.gov.au/Youth-Training)



# join the conversation

PLANNING AHEAD FOR OUR COMMUNITY

We want to hear your vision as we develop plans to guide council activities over the next four years and beyond.

## survey

Join the conversation online.  
Fill out our survey before 31 March.

Share your thoughts on:

- What you love about our community
- What you want to change
- What you want to protect
- What you want done differently



SHAPE THE future OF CORANGAMITE SHIRE



**2025 CORANGAMITE YOUTH film festival**  
THEME: SEE ME HERE!  
**EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST**

Are you aged 12 - 25 years and have a story to tell about your town? Corangamite Shire Council wants to hear from you! We're launching the Corangamite Youth Film Festival (CYFF), and it's all about showcasing your unique perspective through film.

## ▶ WHAT IS IT ALL ABOUT?

Our 2025 theme is "See me here!" We want you to capture what makes your town special, interesting, or quirky, or share what it's like to be a young person living there. It's your chance to show us your world through your eyes.

## ▶ HOW DOES IT WORK?

You will attend workshops to create your film, and then get the chance to see it on the big screen at the film festival!

**Skill Development Workshops**  
Learn from the best! Jennifer Monk, an award-winning actor, director, writer, producer, and filmmaker, will guide you through concept design, scripting, staging, sound design, directing, filming, and editing.

These workshops will be held at your town or virtually (depending on numbers), and the goal is to create a 5-minute short film.

**Corangamite Youth Film Festival**  
Get ready for the red carpet! Your films will be premiered at the Theatre Royal in Camperdown, with a glamorous screening event complete with canapés served by youth hospitality students.

A panel will award winners in categories like Best Actor, Best Scriptwriter, Best Sound Designer, Best Editor, Best Cinematographer, and Best Director.

## ▶ INTERESTED?

Awesome! Fill out the form by scanning the QR code or visit [tinyurl.com/CYouthFilm-EOI](http://tinyurl.com/CYouthFilm-EOI)  
We look forward to seeing you here!



**the Y**

**MEDIA RELEASE**  
Tuesday 4 March 2025

**Timboon locals get a chance to compete for the skate park crown**

Skate Park Leagues (SPL) is coming to Timboon Skate Park on Saturday 19 April. Locals will battle it out in the skate, scooter and BMX competitions to decide the winner. Point will go towards the Victorian Melbourne Metro Series League Ladders.

The Victoria League makes up one part of the Y's national competition series with events happening in Queensland, South Australia, Tasmania, Northern Territory, Western Australia and New South Wales.

The competition welcomes those of all ages and abilities to have a go. Athletes can compete to be crowned the winner of not only Timboon but also the Victoria Melbourne Metro Series, with points from each round accumulating throughout the year to decide the best of 2023. Those still finding their feet get the opportunity to have a go, improve skills and confidence and interact with the pros. Prizes are raffled off between competitors so everyone has a chance at taking something home.

SPL competitions give the community the opportunity to come together, watch and support the talent, get involved and cheer on their own.

The Y, in conjunction with the Skate Australia, Cycling Australia, Victorian Skateboarding Association (VSA) and participating Local Government Areas typically facilitate over 100 SPL events a year that make up the Australian Skate Park Leagues. This makes SPL the biggest and most established grass roots skateboard, scooter and BMX series in Australia.

"Skate Park Leagues give people of all walks of life the opportunity to come together and use the council's facility on a positive and meaningful way. The inclusion and support we see at each event is amazing and a testament to the skate park communities." said Alice Hogan, Manager of YMCA Action Sports.

The Timboon round has been brought to life through a partnership between Corangamite Shire, The Y, Victorian Skateboarding Association (VSA), AusCycling and Skate Australia.

Other major sponsors of the Victoria League include Tech Deck, Goliath, Fast Times, Skater Maps, Rampfest, Grit Scooters, Crisp Scooters, Aztek Scooters, District scooters, Phoenix Scooters, Drone Scooter, Lux BMXs.

**Details of Competition:**  
Date: Saturday 19 April  
Time: Scoot 11am, BMX 12.30pm, Skate 1.30pm  
Location: Timboon Skate Park - Bailey Street & Snake Track Rd, Timboon, VIC

To register for the Melbourne Metro Series, fill out the [SPL registration form](#).

**Interview opportunity:**  
Matthew Brett, Operations Director, YMCA Action Sports  
[matthew.brett@ymca.org.au](mailto:matthew.brett@ymca.org.au)

**Media enquiries:**  
[media@ymca.org.au](mailto:media@ymca.org.au), [CC.skateparkleagues@ymca.org.au](mailto:CC.skateparkleagues@ymca.org.au)



**every drop counts**

## Every drop counts photo competition

Share your best photo of water for a chance to win!

Help highlight the importance of water and its role in our lives.

Open to all south west residents, closing Monday 21 April.

**Free entry. Win prizes.**

Help make **every drop count.**

**Enter now**  
engage.wannonwater.com.au/every-drop-counts



wannonwater Glenelg Hopkins Southern Rural Water

**Camperdown Theatre Company Inc. presents**



# Clue

ON STAGE

## May 2, 3, 8, 9 & 10 2025

**THEATRE ROYAL** ⬇ All 7.00pm (also 1.00pm matinee on 10th)

Adapted from the Paramount Pictures Film written by Jonathan Lynn and the Board Game from Hasbro, Inc.

Additional Materials by HUNTER FOSTER, ERIC PRICE and SANDY RUSTIN

**Tickets \$25** Tickets at Laffs, 163 Manifold St, Camperdown  
Phone 5593 1469 or online at [www.camperdowntheatrecompany.com.au](http://www.camperdowntheatrecompany.com.au)

Cabaret seating ⬇ BYO Nibbles ⬇ Drinks available at bar prices


Director: Madidi McKenzie Musician: Jane McSween Producer: Michael McKenzie

By permission of ORiGiN™ Theatrical on behalf of Broadway Licencing

**SchoolTV** | Wellbeing for School Communities

## 2025 Youth Mental Health Roadshow

Featuring Dr. Michael Carr-Gregg



**Wednesday 7 May, 2025**


**Parent & Carer Information Evening**

**7 pm - 8 pm**

Camperdown Secondary College  
1 Wilson St, Camperdown

Suitable for: Parents, grandparents and caregivers supporting school aged young people.

**FREE EVENT**  
Registration is essential.




Join Dr Michael Carr-Gregg, one of Australia's leading child and adolescent psychologists, for a presentation on youth mental health. His invaluable insights will equip parents and caregivers with practical strategies to support youth wellbeing build resilience, and navigate the challenges young people face today.

Topics will include:

- Nurturing growth and development
- The stages of adolescence
- Understanding key milestones
- Tips for effective communication
- Tips for thriving in school
- Strategies to help with anxiety
- Building resilience
- Trauma and recovery

Proudly supported by:




**Brigid McKinnon** Music Teacher – Guitar & singing

Mobile: 0437075418 E-Mail: [brigidsings@outlook.com](mailto:brigidsings@outlook.com)