



COBDEN TECHNICAL SCHOOL

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Committed to Students, Committed to Success

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<https://www.cobtech.vic.edu.au/>

Term 2 Week 3 May 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

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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

A Great Start to Term 2

Welcome back to all students, staff and families -it’s been a strong and positive start to the term. A special welcome to our new students and families who have joined us; we’re thrilled to have you as part of the Cobden Tech community.

Congratulations to **Anita La Franchi**, our new School Council President. I am confident she will bring great support and leadership to our work over the next 12 months.

Our ANZAC ceremony was a moving and respectful occasion, bringing together students, staff, and community members to honour the sacrifices of our servicemen and women. What a wonderful sight the Cobden Cemetery is during May when the returned servicemen flags are flying. Thank you to all who contributed to this important event.



Last week, I had the pleasure of speaking with the Cobden Rotary Club to share updates about our school’s programs, facilities and student achievements. We are grateful for Rotary’s ongoing support of our school and students.

A big congratulations to **Lenny** and **Xander** for their impressive efforts at the Colac Clay Target Shoot—both secured second place in their respective divisions. Well done!

In Year 7 Mentor, students have been exploring our school values, with some fantastic honesty posters created and displayed—great work to all involved.

Finally, we look forward to welcoming families and the wider community to our *Open Day* on **Tuesday 20th May**. Come along and see our school in action!



Assistant Principal Report

Sarah Cook – Assistant Principal

Welcome to our new families that have recently joined CTS. It makes me very proud when I get the opportunity to be able to show prospective families our outstanding facilities, individualised programs and extensive supports offered at CTS. We have recently welcomed 5 new students all from different families and different schools to Cobden Tech. It has been wonderful to see that each of these students and families have chosen CTS for a different reason and they have been welcomed in by staff and students and settled in well.

New Facilities - A recent addition to our facilities and highlight is the opening of our outdoor Ninja Playground which will provide an active opportunity for students at break times. We are grateful to Neal Simmonds for his work in making this a reality and look forward to witnessing the fun students will have challenging themselves and each other. Please remember that our school supervised times are 8:30am – 3:45 pm and anyone using this outside of these hours does so at their own risk.



Student Supports -We have been working hard to successfully being the transition to Disability Inclusion from the previous Program for Students with disabilities with our Disability Inclusion Leader Sharon Cotton, coordinating Student Support Group meetings (SSG), undertaking class observations and working with the staff and students to create Individual Education Plans (IEPS) to support students. This process includes setting goals, making adjustments and providing clear documentation. We have carefully timetabled ES staff into our classes as well as tutors to provide extra support to all students.



School Wide Positive Behaviour Support - Our SWPBS work has continued with staff focusing upon providing positive feedback, rewarding merits and verbally telling students the positive behaviours they have noticed. An assembly was held in Week 2 to celebrate students' success and reward certificates for those nominated as consistently displaying HEART values in their classes as well as those that have excelled displaying HEART values in their classes as well as those that have excelled and achieved the most merits in their year level. Feedback from students and parents has highlighted the value of recognising students' positive behaviours in this manner and it has had a significant impact on student attitudes and behaviour.



Uniform - This term as the weather is cooler students are not required to wear their hats; however, students may wear the school beanies outdoors. We will have a limited supply for students to purchase and will notify you of the process to do so. We encourage students to layer up and remind you that our uniform policy allows plain white or black long sleeves under shirt/dress. It is reminded that hoodies, leggings and trackpants are not permitted and students that are not in uniform may be asked to remove items and offered a change of clothes as per our policy. The CTS black puffer jackets approved last year can be purchased from Reichas to keep warm outdoors.

Attendance - We continue our focus on attendance and communicating with families the importance of attending school. School participation maximises life opportunities for children and young people by providing them with education and support networks. School helps people to develop important skills, knowledge and values that set them up for further learning and participation in their community. We also acknowledge coming into the cooler weather we have more illnesses around and we thank families for keeping ill students home and updating attendance on Compass. Notifications are sent each day if students are unaccounted for, multiple days absence results in a follow up phone call and each month letters are sent home for any whole day unexplained absences. We encourage families to reach out if support is needed.

Junior Subschool Report

Jen McLennan – Junior Subschool leader



Term 2 has launched with great energy across our Year 7, 8 and 9 cohorts. It's been heartening to see students engaging so positively in a range of workshops and initiatives focused on building respectful relationships. Programs such as *Project Rokit*, *Be Wise*, and *Do It For Dolly Day* have encouraged important conversations around empathy, kindness and looking out for one another. These experiences are laying strong foundations for the inclusive and compassionate culture we continue to develop in our classes.

In classrooms, students have been reflecting thoughtfully on class culture and what it means to create a warm, caring and productive learning environment. Students have been setting goals and reflecting on them at the end of classes. This self-reflection is key to not just academic success, but to shaping respectful and connected communities both within and beyond the school.

Thank you to all staff, students and families for helping make the start of Term 2 so successful.

Careers

Jason Beveridge – Careers Coordinator



We recently were invited to the inaugural Colac Careers Expo. Students in Years 9 and 10 attended COPACC for the day and participated in this exciting event. A range of potential employers and educational facilities were present at the event and provided a range of interactive activities, freebies and opportunities for conversation that engaged our students in discussions about their future and introduced them to a range of opportunities that they may choose to pursue. Our students were well-behaved, respectful and asked lots of relevant questions. Students all expressed that they found the day to be informative and interesting, and many came home with a better idea of what their future might hold and with a bag full of goodies.



Our Year 10's are busy organising their Work Experience placements for the last week of Term 2. Students have been provided with forms to be completed by the students, parents and employers once their placement has been organised. Students are encouraged to organise their placements as soon as possible. This is an excellent opportunity for students to get a taste of the workforce, to explore a field of employment they might wish to pursue and to develop their communication skills. Any student that needs help organising their Work Experience should contact Mr Beveridge.

The rest of the term will be busy in the careers space. Girls in Years 9-12 will attend the Trade Fit Careers Expo, our indigenous students will attend a Careers Expo in Warrnambool, Year 10 students will participate in an Immersion Day at Deakin University, our Year 9 and 10 students will participate in the Try-A-Career Day at SWTAFE and our Unit 1 Biology students will participate in day of Science activities at Deakin Warrnambool. Students are encouraged to make the most of these opportunities, they should approach the events with an open mind, ask lots of questions and seek to gather as much information as possible.

Senior Subschoool Report

Jason Beveridge – Senior Subschoool leader



Our senior students have recently been reminded of the importance of treating others with respect, empathy and compassion. As we recognise “Do it for Dolly Day” it is important that all students recognise the impact their words and actions can have on others. If all students can commit to avoiding inappropriate interactions with others, we will all be rewarded with a safer, more inviting and more productive environment. It is incumbent on our senior students to be leaders in this area, demonstrating to our younger students the sorts of behaviour that we value at Cobden Technical School and calling out any behaviour that does not meet these standards.

Students studying a Unit 3 & 4 subject will be required to sit the GAT exams on Tuesday June 17th. Students are encouraged to take this day seriously, to strive to do their best and to allow others around them the best chance of success. Students will be briefed about the GAT tests in the coming days. Any students with questions or concerns should see Mr Beveridge.



Our school leaders have been visiting junior classes as we look to re-launch our Student Voice Committee. This committee will give students the opportunity to participate in decisions that impact on them, providing them with opportunities to shape the future of this school. The Victorian SRC, a body that represents all school Student Voice Committees, will be coming to the school for a series of workshops to assist us in the redevelopment of this body as we aim to ensure students voices are heard in our school.

As students are turning 18 and getting licenses throughout the year, they are reminded that they need to complete the appropriate permission and information forms for the school before they are permitted to drive to school or to take passengers.

I wish everyone the best of luck as we move into the winter months and remind our senior students that the end of the year will come very quickly and, therefore, it is important to make sure they remain on top of their studies throughout the remainder of the year.

SchoolTV – Navigating Social Media & Comparison Culture



This month on SchoolTV - Cybersafety

Young people today are growing up in an increasingly connected world where technology is part of their everyday lives — for learning, socialising, and entertainment. While the digital world offers enormous benefits, it also comes with serious risks. From cyberbullying and online predators to inappropriate content and screen time concerns, navigating the online environment can be challenging for young people and their families.

Cybersafety is not just about blocking access — it's about empowering young people with the know

ledge and skills they need to use technology responsibly and safely. This includes understanding privacy settings, recognising scams, and developing healthy digital habits. At the same time, it's important for parents and caregivers to stay informed, have open and judgement-free conversations with their children, and lead by example through positive online behaviour.

In today's digital age, safeguarding a child's wellbeing must also include protecting their online life. This edition of SchoolTV will help you better understand the digital landscape your child is navigating and offer practical strategies to help them stay safe, confident and in control online.

[Click here to view our “CyberSafety Series”](#)





Upcoming Events – Term 2

Monday	May 12 th	HSSSD Interschool Cross Country (Camperdown)
Wednesday	May 14 th	HSSSD Interschool Senior Boys Football (Terang)
Wednesday	May 14 th	HSSSD Interschool Senior and Intermediate Girls Netball
Monday	May 26 th	GWR Cross Country (at Warrnambool)
Thursday	June 5 th	HSSSD Interschool Junior (Year 7 -9) Boys Football
Thursday	June 5 th	HSSSD Interschool Junior Year (7-8) Girls Netball
Tuesday	June 10 th	GWR Interschool Senior and Inter Badminton (Ballarat)
Wednesday	June 25 th	GWR Interschool Junior Badminton (Ballarat)

CTS Cross Country (Session 2) Tuesday 1st April

What an outstanding effort by all the students who participated in the CTS Cross Country. Perfect conditions for a 3 km run saw Riley B come in first with a great time of 11.44 mins, second Kayden D (12.35) and third Xander W (12.47).

Our aged champions: -

U13 Girls - Matilda W (Glenfyne Gold)

U13 Boys - Ryan B (Glenfyne Gold)

U14 Girls - Harmony B (Shenfield Blue)

U14 Boys - Damian M (Tandarook Red)

U15 Girls - Akeisha B (Shenfield Blue)

U15 Boys - Xander W (Glenfyne Gold)

U16 Girls - Taliyah B (Shenfield Blue)

U16 Boys - Riley B (Shenfield Blue)

U17 Girls - Alyvia M (Shenfield Blue)

U17 Boys - Zac S (Glenfyne Gold)

U18-20 Girls - Tabitha P (Tandarook Red) and Phoebe H (Glenfyne Gold)

U18 Boys - Kayden D (Shenfield Blue)



And for a clean sweep of our sports this year Glenfyne Gold was the overall house winner. Not sure how this keeps happening, with Shenfield Blue having a lot of the aged champions, and Glenfyne Gold nearly had one third of their house NOT competing, so to come away with a win is a fantastic achievement.

152 points Glenfyne Gold

140.50 Tandarook Red

134.50 Shenfield Blue

HSSSD Girls Football and Boys Netball (at Camperdown) Monday April 28th

Well done to our Senior Girls and Intermediate girls footballers who combined with Terang College to play in the HSSSD Interschool girls football comp in Camperdown. Thank you to Mr. Taylor and Ingrid Bellman for their coaching, umpiring, scoring and assistance on the day.

Senior Girls – Taliyah B, Maddi N, Taysha S, Chali R

Junior Girls – Jamison A, Olivia B, Harmony B, Katie H, Sophie M, Alanna W

Both teams won all their games except one being defeated by Mercy Regional College who then went on to win overall.

Senior Boys Netball

Felix N, Adam J, Zac S, Noah B, Hayden C, Kayden D, Bailey C, Bradey F, Brodey M and Alan W.

Our Senior Boys won all their games except for the last game going down to a very strong Mercy Regional College. Big thanks to Ms. Formby who took on the role of umpiring the Senior Boys comp all day. And Ms. Formby and Mel Benson for their assistance umpiring and coaching at lunch time sessions prior to the comp.



Intermediate Boys

Our Intermediate boys struggled all day but improved and ended the day with a couple of little grazes from playing outdoors, and unfortunately no wins. Thank you to Naomi Umland and Kathryn Farmer for their assistance with the Intermediate Boys Team: -

Riley B, Lenny D, Cooper D, Izaac T, Seth M, Hunter W, Ewen R, Logan L, Xander W and Landyn M.



Junior Boys

Mr Simmonds superbly coached the Junior boys. The team had one win and showed great skill improvement and enthusiasm for the game. Well done to Mr. Simmonds for also testing his skills to umpire a game of netball.

Harry R, Oliver R, Nate LF, Ryan B, Harrison M, Lenny M, Hunter W, and Damien M.

Colac Clay Target Shooting (at Colac) – Wednesday 30th April

We had eight students attend the Colac Clay Target Shooting and despite some challenging wet conditions, our students demonstrated remarkable determination and performed exceptionally well.

Congratulations to our Senior Boy Lenny D for winning his shoot off to finish the day in second place. And Xander W for his outstanding effort to finish second in the Junior Boys

Also, congratulations to Lenny D who recently competed at the National Clay Target Shooting Championships in Perth during the recent school holidays. Lenny performed extremely well and came home with:

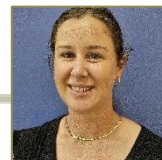
- Bronze in the C Grade Double Barrel with a score of 49/50
- Bronze in the C Grade Single Barrel with a score of 43/50
- Silver in the C Grade Point score 141/150
- Bronze in the C Grade Double Rise 40/50
- Gold in the C grade Champion of Champions 117/125
- Winner of the C grade High Gun – sponsored by Bronzewing and
- Made it into the Handicap shoot off with a score of 49/50.

Well done Lenny on a fantastic effort at the Nationals and at the Colac School Shoot.



Wellbeing

Kayla Horan (Wellbeing Coordinator)

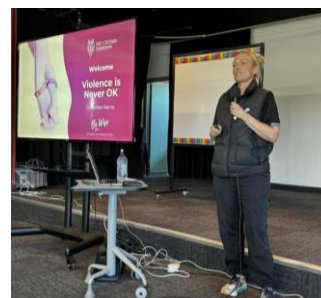


We have welcomed back students with a bang, to kickstart Term 2.

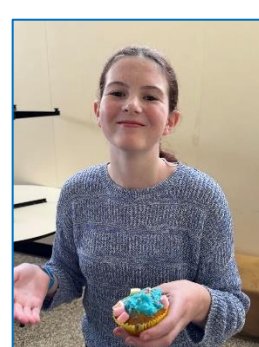
In the first week back, we saw Year 7-9 students attend our Project Rokit Anti-bullying Program, this gave students the opportunity to explore how they might stand up if they witnessed bullying in the school yard, to grow their understanding of what cyberbullying is and the impacts that it can have on someone's mental health. They also looked at the impacts of replacing one negative comment with a positive one and how that can change someone's life.

Week 2 we welcomed students back into our Music Therapy program and introduced our new Art Therapy program. These programs are designed to support individual needs of students and to connect students socially and provide a safe space for emotional exploration.

Week 3 saw our Year 8-12s attend Pat Cronin's Be Wise – Say No to Violence program. This program aims to change students' perceptions of social violence by exploring choices, consequences & violence prevention strategies. Student feedback was that this was a valuable and interactive session.



Friday 9th May was Do It for Dolly Day and this ties in with our bullying program week one and raises awareness of the implications of Bullying after Dolly Everett, age 14, took her own life after an extended period of bullying and cyberbullying. Students wore a touch of blue along with their school uniform to show acknowledgement and support for this cause.



We will be acknowledging the following wellbeing dates in Term 2:

Friday May 9 th	Do it for Dolly Day
Thursday May 15 th	Walk to School Day
May 17 th	IDAHOBIT Day
May 27 th – June 3 rd	Reconciliation Week
June 21 st	MND – motor neurone disease

E-scooter Road Rules

Tougher penalties as e-scooters are made permanent.

e-scooter riders cannot

- Ride on the footpath
- Use a mobile phone while riding
- Ride while under the influence of drugs or alcohol
- Carry passengers or animals or ride in tandem
- Ride a high-speed e-scooter, one capable of more than 25 km/h
- Ride on roads that have a speed limit over 60 km/h

e-scooter riders must

- Be aged 16 years and over
- Not exceed the maximum speed of 20 km/h
- Ride only on shared paths and roads that have a speed limit up to 60 km/h
- Wear a helmet at all times
- Follow traffic rules
- Use lights and reflectors



Scan the QR code to learn more

For more information (including community language translations)
transport.vic.gov.au/Road-rules-and-safety/E-scooter-road-rules



Department of Transport and Planning





**DO IT
FOR**
Dolly
DAY '25
MAY 9


WHY WE GO BLUE TO END BULLYING...

Dolly's Dream was created by Kate and Tick Everett following the shattering loss of their 14-year-old daughter, Dolly, to suicide, after ongoing bullying and cyberbullying.

Seven years ago, their lives changed forever when they lost their beautiful daughter Dolly. From that heartbreak, a powerful movement emerged – Dolly's Dream. Inspired by Dolly's spirit and fuelled by hope, and Dolly's favourite colour blue, they set out on a mission to create a kinder, safer world for every child. What began as a personal journey has grown into a nationwide movement of kindness and action, driven by the unwavering support of people like you.

By joining us in **GOING BLUE** on **Do It For Dolly Day, May 9th**, you're helping grow awareness of Dolly's Dream programs and services, empowering families, schools, and communities across Australia to take a stand against bullying and protect children and young people from its harmful effects, both online and offline.

**"This is a movement we wish we never had to start...
and we won't stop until the bullying stops".** - Kate and Tick Everett.

Proudly brought to you by  Dolly's Dream

Doitfordollyday.org.au



YOUR SUPPORT SAVES LIVES!

Every donation helps us continue Dolly's legacy of kindness and hope, empowering young people, families, and communities to build a world free from bullying.

24/7 Support Line

Australia wide, free 24-hour service with qualified counsellors available to talk to via phone or webchat.

School Workshops

Online safety and anti-bullying workshops for students of all ages, as well as parents, teachers and the general community.

Parent Hub

Trusted information about online safety and bullying in one place.

Youth Mental Health First Aid Training

Dolly's Dream delivers Mental Health First Aid training to help build their capacity helping young people in their community struggling with mental health issues.

Beacon Cyber Safety App

A free app that provides families with trustworthy, practical resources to help them confidently navigate their children's technology use and reduce associated harms.

I felt like I wasn't alone. I wanted to show support to Dolly's Dream to help future kids not go through what I did

- 25-34 yrs, rural Australia -

Dolly's story hit very close to home, and in all honesty, saved my life. Her story gave me a voice and a reason to keep going - to live on for her. I will spend the rest of my life thanking Dolly's family for sharing her story. Without it, I wouldn't be here today.

- Young person, under 18yrs, rural Australia -

It made me feel less alone with the things that have happened in my life and the loss of a loved one to suicide, knowing you spread awareness about it when some people are too scared to speak up.

- Young person, 18-24 yrs, rural Australia -

beacon



Download here

Together we are stronger. Thank you for helping spread our message that no child or family should have to face the devastating impact of bullying alone.

TERM 2 2025		
WEEK 3	DATE	EVENT
Friday	9 May	➤ Do It For Dolly Day
WEEK 4	DATE	EVENT
Monday	12 May	➤ HSSSD Cross Country (Camperdown)
Wednesday	14 May	➤ HSSSD Senior Boys Football & Intermediate & Seniors Girls Netball
Thursday	15 May	➤ Walk to School Day
WEEK 5	DATE	EVENT
Mon – Wed	19-21 May	➤ Year 12 VCE VM PDS Leadership Camp
Tuesday	20 May	➤ Education Week Tour & Morning Tea 9:45am - Check in at CTS Office 10:45am - Morning Tea RSVP by Friday 18 May by phoning our office on 03 5595 1202
WEEK 6	DATE	EVENT
Monday	26 May	➤ GWR Cross Country (Warrnambool)
Monday	26 May	➤ Year 9 & 10 Try a Career (SWTafe)
WEEK 7	DATE	EVENT
Monday	2 June	➤ Laang Sporting Clay Shooting Competition
Wednesday	4 June	➤ Year 9-12 Girls Trade & Tech Fit Career Expo (Melbourne)
Thursday	5 June	➤ HSSSD Junior Boys Football & Girls Netball
WEEK 8	DATE	EVENT
Monday	9 June	➤ Public Holiday
Tuesday	10 June	➤ GWR Intermediate & Senior Badminton
Tuesday	10 June	➤ Year 10 - Deakin Immersion Day (Warrnambool)
Wednesday	11 June	➤ Pupil free day (Staff PD Day)
WEEK 8	DATE	EVENT
Mon-Wed	16-18 June	➤ Year 7 & 8 DOXA Camp (Malmsbury)
Tuesday	17 June	➤ GAT
Friday	20 June	➤ Year 11 Deakin Science Day
Saturday	21 June	➤ Global MND (Motor Neurone Disease) Awareness Day
WEEK 9	DATE	EVENT
Tuesday	24 June	➤ Koorie Careers Day
Wednesday	25 June	➤ GWR Junior Badminton (Ballarat)

HOST AN EXCHANGE STUDENT!

Hosting a high school student gives Australian families the opportunity to share their life and culture with young people from around the world.

WEP host families are unpaid volunteers*, are welcoming and excited about new experiences.

Many students miss their Aussie family terribly when they return home. But don't fret, many hosts visit their student overseas to meet their own families!

Imagine:

- Learning about a new culture without the stress of travel
- Being part of a young person's life-changing exchange experience
- Re-discovering the local area through the eyes of an overseas visitor
- Watching your student adopt Aussie slang!



WORLD EDUCATION PROGRAM AUSTRALIA

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COBDEN LADIES WINTER TENNIS

Monday's 11am -2pm
Term 2 & 3
Cobden Recreation Reserve

Stay active over winter, join a fun and social tennis group!
We welcome beginners, current players and those who haven't played for years.

More information:

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Camperdown Theatre Company Inc. presents



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 | Tickets at Laffs, 163 Manifold St, Camperdown
Phone 5593 1469 or online at
www.camperdowntheatrecompany.com.au

Cabaret seating | BYO Nibbles | Drinks available at bar prices

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

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FREE Music Mentoring & Jam Session

For young people aged 12 to 25
Friday 13 June, 6.30 - 9 pm
Camperdown Theatre Royal
BYO instruments



Learn more and register at corangamite.vic.gov.au/amplify or via the QR code

EDUCATION WEEK @ Cobden Tech



School Tour AND Morning Tea

TUESDAY 20TH MAY 2025
MEET IN ADMIN AT 9.45AM
MORNING TEA AT 10.45AM

RSVP 5592 1202 FRI 18TH MAY

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