



COBDEN TECHNICAL SCHOOL

Committed to Students, Committed to Success

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Term 4 Week 11
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We are committed to find, and celebrate, successful outcomes for students, whether that is in the pursuit of high level academic achievement, or the development of specific vocational skills.

The values we strive to develop and promote through our interactions with students, parents and other members of our community are Honesty, Excellence, Accountability, Respect and Trust - HEART.

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School Council Parent/Student Representatives:	Jodie Watson (President)	Sue Clarke (Vice President)
Liz Roberts Rae Bellman Rebecca Perriss	Amy Veenstra	Matt Clarke

Principal

Rohan Keert

Well done everyone!

It has been another big year for the Cobden Technical School. The St Patrick’s Day bushfires had a prolonged effect on the Cobden and district communities. Many of our families were impacted. My daily drive to work through Elingamite North is a constant reminder of the devastation that natural disasters can cause and the resilience of communities that regroup and rebuild. Blaze Aid have been our neighbours since 22nd March. They have now completed their volunteer program of rebuilding farm fences. The Cobden camp closed on 16th December. CTS staff and students helped out by clearing fire damaged fences and hosting the volunteers for sit down dinners catered by school staff and students. The prolonged peat fires at Lake Cobrico and Lake Elingamite resulted in temporary relocation of our school. I am reminded of the saying ‘tough times don’t last, tough folks do’. It is an accurate description of the resilience shown by our families, students and staff.

In Term 4 we re-established the CTS Parent’s Club. We have already met three times and have commenced projects to raise awareness of the amazing things that happen on a daily basis at our school. The first project is a message board sign that will be installed over the summer on Neylon Street, near the Cobden CFA corner. The Parent’s Club has also taken responsibility for organising the Debutante Ball.

Term 4 is different to the other three terms in our school year. It is just as hectic, but there is a different feeling when our Year 12 students have finished their timetabled classes and completed their exams. The Valedictory Dinner was a great success and the last official school function for Year 12 students before the Presentation Afternoon on Wednesday 19th December. This year our SRC hosted a free CTS community BBQ before the awards presentation. It was great to catch up with families at the BBQ.

Last Friday the VCE results were released. Cobden Technical School's highest scoring VCE students were Amy Veenstra, Molly Hutt, Georgia McDonald and Maddi Cunnington. This capped off a highly successful year for Amy who was both school captain and our 2018 dux. Amy was the top student in Biology, English and Physical Education. Both Molly and Georgia were also school leaders.

Our students have successfully gained ATAR scores that will allow them to access further study in a range of tertiary courses. Students will soon be pursuing careers in the following areas: zoology and animal science, sport management, business, teaching, agricultural science, nursing, tourism and hospitality, early childhood studies, marine biology, criminal justice and criminology. They are now awaiting confirmation of offers, which will occur anytime from now up until mid-January.

At Cobden Technical School we place equal emphasis on the three parallel senior school pathways of VCE, VET and VCAL. Through the educational opportunities our school offers, all graduating students have been able to achieve their personal goals related to further study, training and employment. A number of our graduating students have already successfully gained apprenticeships for 2019, the first step to future careers in hospitality, electrotechnology, automotive and building.

Staffing ins/outs & leave 2019

- Jason Beveridge will be on leave in 2019. He will be teaching at the NUSA ALAM school in Lombok, Indonesia.
- Jo Brooks will be on leave in 2019.
- Sarah Cook has been appointed as classroom teacher English & Year 11 & 12 Coordinator.
- We welcome Cassandra Crevola as Assistant Principal.
- Phyllis Finlayson will be on leave in 2019.
- Jerin Joseph will transfer to Mill Park Secondary College in 2019 to complete her second year of TFA (Teach for Australia).
- Gracie McGuire will continue on leave for another 12 months. She is currently teaching at St Mary's Catholic Primary School in Colac.
- Jen McLennan has been appointed classroom teacher (Food/SOSE) and literacy support.
- Bronwyn Rantall will be on leave in 2019.
- Carl Trewin will transfer to Hoppers Crossing Secondary College in 2019.
- Leonie Wallace will transfer to Timboon P-12 in 2019 as a Learning Specialist teacher.
- Pat Wallace has been appointed as classroom teacher (Metal/Engineering/Welding).
- We have appointed Abbey Richardson-Tobias as a gap year trainee in office admin and classroom support.
- Graeme Galbraith will be employed an instrumental teacher to run a rock bands program, one day per week in 2019.

School Councillors – Thank you to our 2018 school councillors for giving up your time to provide good governance through your actions at our monthly meetings. Special thanks must go to Jodie Watson (President).

Volunteers – I would like to end by acknowledging the incredible work of our amazing volunteers who keep our grounds looking immaculate. Thanks to Ron Greagan, Bob Mounsey and Neville Robertson.

To our wonderful staff and students - Have a Merry Christmas and relaxing holiday break. See you in 2019.

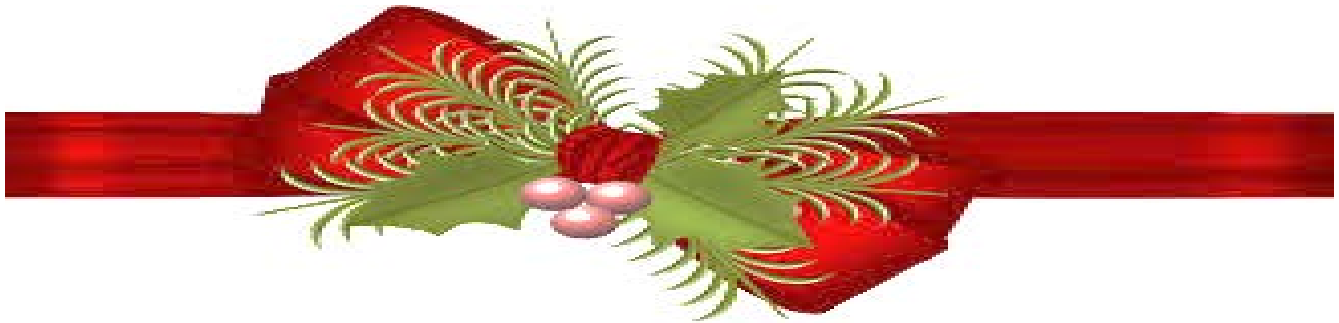
Assistant Principal

Michael Smart

Student interviews to start 2019

Please remember, we will be using Wednesday 30 January to conduct our start of year student and family interviews. Everyone should already have their interview time. We expect all families to attend the interviews so that all students can start the year on a positive note, aware of the high expectations we have for all students.

Classes for all students will commence on Thursday 31 January.



Calendar 2019

WEEK	DATE	EVENT
	TERM 1	
1	Tuesday, 29 th January	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Staff PD Day
	Wednesday, 30 th January	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Book Collection Day• Student and family interviews (See Facebook or compass for booking)
2	Thursday, 31 st January	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• All students start
	Tuesday, 5 th February	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• House meetings• Swimming Carnival
	Wednesday, 6 th February	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Year 7 Activity Day - Port Fairy
3	Monday, 11 th February	<ul style="list-style-type: none">•
	Tuesday, 12 th February	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 7-10 - AFL players appearance - Geelong Football Club
	Friday, 15 th February	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Swimming sports
4	Monday, 18 th February	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Senior boys cricket at Timboon• School Council 7pm
	Friday, 22 nd February	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• GP Superbikes Excursion – Dirt Bike Team 2019
5	Monday, 25 th February	<ul style="list-style-type: none">•
	Tuesday, 26 th February	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• HSSSD Swimming at Terang
6	Tuesday, 5 th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Athletics House meetings
7	Monday, 11 th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• LABOUR DAY HOLIDAY
	Tuesday, 12 th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• School Photos
8	Tuesday, 19 th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Athletics
9	Thursday, 28 th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Western District Tertiary Information Service - Yr 12 at Camperdown
	Friday, 29 th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• HSSSD Athletics in Camperdown
10	Friday, 5 th April	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Last Day of Term 1

HANDS ON LEARNING PRODUCTS FOR SALE

The following products are available for purchase, possibly as Christmas presents.



Garden or Work Bench \$75



Chopping Board
Stained \$12
Raw \$10



Kindling \$3



Planter Boxes
Large \$35
Small \$25

If interested please contact the General Office on 55951202 for more details.

Sport

Belinda Savage

Upcoming Events 2019

Tuesday	5 th February	Swimming Carnival
Friday	15 th February	Swimming sports
Monday	18 th February	Senior Boys Cricket at Timboon
Tuesday	26 th February	HSSSD Swimming at Terang
Tuesday	19 th March	Athletics
Friday	29 th March	HSSSD Athletics in Camperdown



Merry
CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY
New Year
to all our staff, students and
extended families in the
school community.