Cobram Secondary College Parent/Carer Bulletin

Term 4 Week 8 2026

Every Student Matters, Every Staff Member Cares, Every Opportunity Taken, Every Student Succeeds

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From the Principal:

Thank you, Class of 2026

A huge thank you to our Year 12 students & their families for a lovely Valedictory Evening. It was a night full of pride, laughter and a few happy tears. These young people have given so much to our school, and it was wonderful to celebrate them together.

This isn't goodbye just yet. We'll welcome the Class of 2026 back on **Monday 8 February** for our Graduation Ceremony. That's when we celebrate them again and hear where they've landed, whether it's uni, TAFE, apprenticeships, work or a gap year. It's one of the best days on our calendar, so please save the date. More details soon.

HEADSTART starts this week!

This week is one of my favourite weeks of the year. HEADSTART starts today. Students will move into their 2027 year level & classes, and meet the teachers they'll be learning with next year.

HEADSTART is a fabulous chance to reset. Students get a taste of next year's subjects, routines & expectations, and set some goals.

How you can help

- Make sure your child is at school every day of HEADSTART
- Full uniform, ready to learn
- Ask them each night about their new classes & teachers

There's still plenty of the year left. Let's FINISH STRONG together!

Kimberley

Upcoming events / key dates

Monday 23rd November	Headstart commences, Sub-school Assemblies
Monday 30th November	Ensemble Performance Evening 7pm in W6

Teaching and Learning

We are now in the first week of Headstart. This is an important time for students to reset and meet their new teachers. We are expecting all students to be attending for the full two weeks. For VCE students these class will be covering content that will not be retaught in 2027 but will be assessed. Headstart is running in Week 8 & 9

Activities Week

Activities Week is running in Week 10. Students will be sent a link to a survey next week for them to use to select the activities that they wish to do each day.

From the Year Level Leader Team

SUB-SCHOOL KEY CONTACTS

HeadStart has begun, and students have now moved into their 2027 year levels. For students who were in **Year 8 or Year 10 this year**, this also means moving into a new sub-school with a new team of staff to support them.

If your child is going into **Year 9 or Year 11 in 2027**, you now have new key contacts for anything to do with their learning or wellbeing. The sub-school teams are:

Years 7 & 8

- Chelsea McDonald – Team Leader
- Sonya Zito – Year Level Leader
- Lachlan Marchant – Director of Wellbeing

Years 9 & 10

- Adam Hughes – Team Leader
- Shaz McKenzie – Year Level Leader
- Brooke Hill – Wellbeing & Programs Leader

Years 11 & 12

- Michelle Anderson – Year Level Leader
- Emma McCracken – Year Level Leader (VCE Pathways)
- Emily Gough – Wellbeing & Programs Leader

These staff are your first point of contact for any questions or concerns about your child. You can contact them through Compass or by calling the school office. The teams are looking forward to getting to know your child and working with you in 2027.

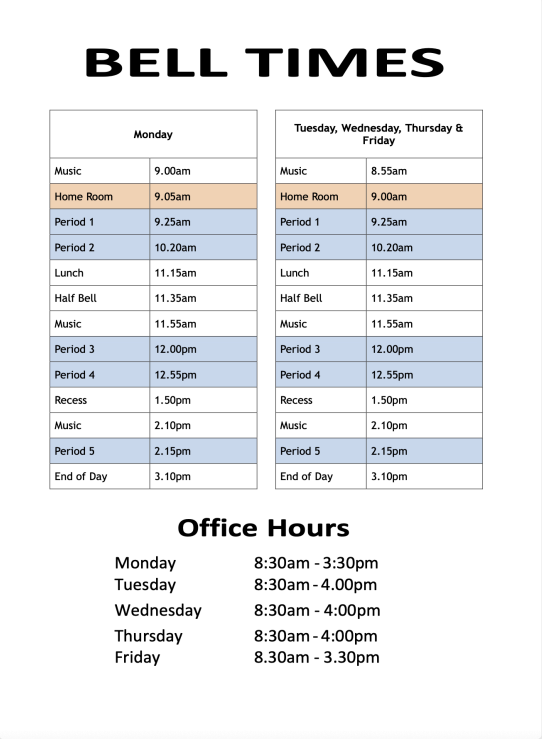
Other important information / reminders

MOBILE DEVICES POLICY FOR 2027

From the start of the 2027 school year, the Minister for Education has directed that all Victorian schools extend the existing phone restrictions to other personal devices. During school hours:

- Phones must be switched off and stored in lockers, as they are now
- Smartwatches must have calls, messages, notifications and recording turned off
- Earbuds and headphones must not be used and should be stored in lockers
- Smart glasses must not be worn at school or at any school activity

Please talk with your child about these changes before school starts. Exemptions may be granted where appropriate documentation, such as a professional report, supports the need. Please contact your child's sub-school team to discuss. The full policy will be available on the website once the policy has been formally updated.



BELL TIMES

Monday	
Music	9.00am
Home Room	9.05am
Period 1	9.25am
Period 2	10.20am
Lunch	11.15am
Half Bell	11.35am
Music	11.55am
Period 3	12.00pm
Period 4	12.55pm
Recess	1.50pm
Music	2.10pm
Period 5	2.15pm
End of Day	3.10pm

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday	
Music	8.55am
Home Room	9.00am
Period 1	9.25am
Period 2	10.20am
Lunch	11.15am
Half Bell	11.35am
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Office Hours

Monday	8:30am - 3:30pm
Tuesday	8:30am - 4.00pm
Wednesday	8:30am - 4:00pm
Thursday	8:30am - 4:00pm
Friday	8.30am - 3.30pm