



Cobar High School

Information Booklet

Vision: Cobar High School provides an environment that promotes respect, excellence, and safety. The broader community works together to build high-expectation-relationships that empowers students to be resilient life-long learners. Cobar High School will enable staff and student leadership and embrace opportunities for learning and innovation. Together we will support the holistic development of each young person and prepare them to engage positively with the wider community and its cultures.

Motto: *Where there's a will, there's a way*



Respect **Excellence** **Safety**

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Mr Carter

Executive Staff:

Principal: Shane Carter

Acting Deputy Principal: Amie Hill

Head Teacher PACE (English & HSIE): Nicholas Short

Head Teacher STEM (Mathematics, Science & TAS): Mary Arnold

Relieving Head Teacher Teaching and Learning: Cassandra Best

Head Teacher PDHPE / CAPA: Bianka Jacobson

Head Teacher: John Carswell

School Administration Manager: Tara Toomey

School Counsellor:

Wellbeing Officer: Wendy Byrne

Year Advisers 2024

Year 7: Todd Fugar

Year 8: Erika Muldoon

Year 9: Matt Wang

Year 10: Jess Smith

Year 11: Laura Andrew

Year 12: Nicholas Short

SRC Co-Ordinator: Thomas Plater

Sport

Year 7, 8, 9 & 10 sport is on Friday periods 5 & 6

Calculators

Calculators are available for \$25 (cost price) from the Front Office.

WELCOME TO COBAR HIGH SCHOOL

Cobar High has five faculty areas: PACE (Projects Achieving Collaborative Engagement which includes English, History & Geography), STEM (includes Mathematics, Science, Technology & Applied Sciences), Teaching and Learning (includes Learning & Support, Library & Careers) and PDHPE / CAPA (Creative & Performing Arts which includes Music, Visual Arts and Language Other Than English). We have a Wellbeing Team to support student wellbeing and learning including a School Counsellor, Aboriginal Education Officer, Wellbeing Officer and Careers Officer.

Our school promotes Positive Behaviour for Learning (PB4L) focusing on expected behaviours. Students are instantly acknowledged for displaying these behaviours and further acknowledged via end of term and end of year activities.

Our key words for PB4L are: Respect, Excellence & Safety.

We have a dedicated SRC and they organise activities under the guidance of the SRC Coordinator.

We have implemented "Bring Your Own Device" for our Year 10 Self Select class and look to expanding this in the future. Students in the senior years are encouraged to bring a laptop to school for all lessons in Stage 6 classes.

Curriculum

The following subjects will be taught by staff at Cobar High, blended learning, TAFE or Distance Education next year.

Year 12 - 2024

ATAR, Non ATAR, Vocational Education and Training (VET), HSC Assessment Advise for VET courses English Standard, English Studies, Numeracy, Mathematics Standard 1, Mathematics Standard 2, Biology, Ancient History, Work Studies, Personal Development Health and Physical Education (PDHPE), Construction (TAFE), Hospitality, Visual Arts, Manufacturing and Engineering Introduction, Community and Family Studies (CAPS)

Year 11 - 2024

English Standard, English Studies, Mathematics Standard 1 & 2, Biology, Ancient History, Business Studies, Work Studies, PDHPE, SLR, Hospitality, Visual Arts, Computing Applications, Manufacturing & Engineering Induction.

Stage 5 (Years 9 & 10) - 2024

All students study English, Mathematics, Science, History, Geography, PDHPE and then choose 2 electives from: Commerce, Elective History, Physical Activity and Sports Studies (PASS), Agricultural Technology, Food Technology, Industrial Technology Metal (ITM), Visual Arts, Music

Stage 4 (Years 7 & 8) - 2024

All students study English, History, Geography, Literacy, Mathematics, Numeracy, Science, PDHPE, Technology, Performing Arts (Music and LOTE), Visual Arts.

Distance Education & TAFE

Other subjects are available for study through Distance Education & TAFE to students in Stages 5 and 6. These subjects can change from year to year.

School based Apprenticeships/Traineeships (SBAT)

Cobar High School offers students from 10, 11 and 12 SBAT opportunities within our community.

Aurora is a Virtual Selective High School. In 2024 we currently have several students enrolled in English, Mathematics and Science and Year 11 students enrolled in Economics, Chemistry, Physics and Advanced Mathematics.

Term Dates 2024

Term 1

Term 1 commences..... Thursday 8 February (Years 7, 11 & 12)
Term 1 commences..... Friday 9 February (Years 8, 9 & 10)
Mid Term Break..... Friday 1 March and Monday 4 March
Term 1 concludes..... Friday 12 April

Term 2

Term 2 commences..... Tuesday 30 April
Mid Term Break..... Friday 31 May and Monday 3 May
Term 2 concludes..... Friday 28 June

Term 3

Term 3 commences..... Tuesday 23 July
Mid Term Break..... Friday 23 August and Monday 26 August
Term 3 concludes..... Friday 27 September

Term 4

Term 4 commences..... Monday 14 October
Mid Term Break..... Friday 15 November and Monday 18 November
Term 4 concludes..... Friday 19 December

Bell Times

PERIOD	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Muster	8.55 - 9.00	8.55 - 9.00	8.55 - 9.00	8.55 - 9.00	8.55 - 9.00
Period 1	9.00 - 9.55	9.00 - 9.55	9.00 - 9.55	9.00 - 9.55	9.00 - 9.55
Period 2	9.55 - 10.50	9.55 - 10.50	9.55 - 10.50	9.55 - 10.50	9.55 - 10.50
Recess	10.50 - 11.20	10.50 - 11.20	10.50 - 11.20	10.50 - 11.20	10.50 - 11.20
Period 3	11.20 - 12.15	11.20 - 12.15	11.20 - 12.15	11.20 - 12.15	11.20 - 12.15
Period 4	12.15 - 1.10	12.15 - 1.10	12.15 - 1.10	12.15 - 1.10	12.15 - 1.10
Lunch	1.10 - 1.40	1.10 - 1.40	1.10 - 1.40	1.10 - 1.40	1.10 - 1.40
Period 5	1.40 - 2.35	1.40 - 2.35	1.40 - 2.35	1.40 - 2.35	1.40 - 2.35
Period 6	Day ends at 2:35	2.35 - 3.30	2.35 - 3.30	2.35 - 3.30	2.35 - 3.30

Canteen

The High School has a privately operated canteen. It is available Monday till Friday at Recess & Lunch times..

Homework Centre

The school operates a Homework Centre, sponsored by Glencore CSA Mine, each Wednesday & Thursday afternoon 3:30 – 5:00pm in the Library. Two teaching staff volunteers to staff the Homework Centre each afternoon. Homework Centre does not operate on Thursday before Mid-Term Break.

Stage 4 Excursion 2024

Each year, Years 7 & 8 (Stage 4) have the opportunity to attend an excursion to a Sport and Recreation camp. In Term 2 2024 students can go to The Great Aussie Bush Camp from Tuesday 30 April to Friday 3 May 2024

Activities for students to participate in include

- Rock Climbing
- Survivor Challenge
- Abseiling
- Alpine Rescue
- Canoeing
- Giant Swing
- Leap of Faith
- and so much more

Further information regarding the camp and exact pricing will be released closer to the camp date, once the numbers have been finalised.

Mobile Phones

Cobar High School is a Mobile Phone Free Zone!

Mobile phones are now banned during school hours including break times across New South Wales. The implementation of this strategy is a requirement under the NSW Department of Education: Students' use of Mobile Phones in Schools policy.

This strategy is being implemented to increase focus and learning in classrooms, remove distractions and to promote positive social interactions.

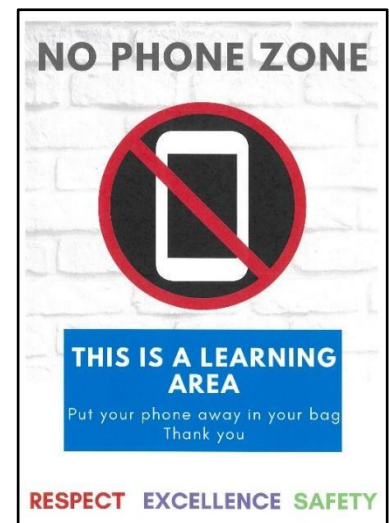
After careful consideration with our key stakeholders including the Student Representative Council (SRC), P&C, staff and executive teams, we have decided to proceed by using the strategy of locked pouches, to reduce the distractions to students in the classroom.

The locked device pouch is a system that will keep students devices locked and secure during the school day.

Students have been provided with a pouch that will be locked when they arrive at school and unlocked at the end of the school day.

We are excited to make our school a mobile phone-free space to improve learning and engagement, however, we will always make sure you can contact your child in an emergency.

Please contact us on 02 6836 2705.



Positive Behaviour for Learning

Cobar High School is a Positive Behaviour for Learning (PB4L) school. This means we use a broad range of systemic and individualised strategies for achieving important social and learning outcomes while preventing problem behaviour. It is a process of enabling change, through explicit teaching of expectations.

Cobar High School follows the expectations of Respect, Excellence and Safety. Students are taught these expectations in a variety of settings and are acknowledged for following them. PB4L creates a positive and safe learning environment for students, as well as, increased communication between students, their teachers and other staff of Cobar High School.

Cobar High School Acknowledgement System

Cobar High Schools acknowledgment system has been designed by the school SRC to encourage positive behaviour at the school, being recognised **consistently** and **often**.

The system revolves around Acknowledgement cards. Staff only hand out Acknowledgement Cards, whenever they see appropriate positive behaviour, both in and out of class.

Year Advisers will coordinate with their respective year group to allow students to trade their Acknowledgement Cards in for higher acknowledgement levels.

The acknowledgement levels are current for one term and are reset day one of the next term. At the end of each term there will be an acknowledgement activity, coordinated by the SRC, where students will receive recognition coinciding with the colour/level of acknowledgement achieved.

Levels of acknowledgement	
Blue Bands/Cards	Achieved when a student exhibits a single positive behaviour
Red Band	Achieved when a student has collected 1 Acknowledgement card
Purple Band	Achieved when a student has collected 2 Acknowledgement cards
Green Band	Achieved when a student has collected 3 Acknowledgement cards
Rainbow Band	Achieved when a student has collected 4 Acknowledgement cards

The recognition for rainbow achievement will vary from term to term and will be negotiated with the SRC; however, the basic structure will follow;

Red Band	Small chocolate
Purple Band	Small chocolate and drink
Green Band	Small chocolate, drink and lunch
Rainbow Band	Small chocolate, drink, lunch and an out of class activity

Students are also able to trade their Acknowledgement Cards to their Year Adviser to receive a free lunch (BBQ sandwich and soft drink) at each term's SRC fundraising BBQ, held week 5 each term. There is also an opportunity for students to submit Acknowledgement Cards to receive raffle tickets in the end of term raffle, for the chance to win Cobar Quids.

Students aim to achieve a Rainbow Band each term to be eligible for the Four Rainbow Activity at the end of the Year.

It is a student's responsibility to look after their Acknowledgement Cards are not automatically granted.

Our uniforms are available in Cobar from BRilliams or if people prefer they can purchase the basics elsewhere. The Cobar High School hoodies and sports shirts are only available at BRilliams. The hoodie is not compulsory, a navy jumper or jacket may be worn instead, however the hoodies are popular with the students. Black leather enclosed school shoes are mandatory for all students as they ensure safety in all classrooms.

Girls

Blue & white checked dress
Navy skirt / shorts / trousers
Light blue polo/button up shirt
Navy Jumper (no brand names)
School jacket
School hoodie

Boys

Grey or navy shorts/trousers
Light blue polo/button up shirt
Navy Jumper (no brand names)
School jacket
School hoodie

Shoes Enclosed black leather

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P.E. and Sport

Light blue / dark blue polo shirt with/without the school emblem
Navy blue shorts or navy blue tracksuit pants (no brand names)
Navy Jumper, School Jacket, Sport Jacket, school hoodie
Appropriate sports shoes

All uniform items must be plain colours. Items with visible brand names or logos are not suitable.

NOTE: Sports uniform **is to be brought to change into** for **P.E. lessons and sport**.

If uniform cannot be worn for any reason, please send a note with an explanation.

Denim jeans or shorts, as well as tights are **NOT** a part of the uniform at Cobar High School.



Junior School and Sport / PE uniform
(PE shirt has navy shoulder detail)



Senior School and Sport / PE uniform
(PE shirt has navy shoulder detail)



Senior School uniform (dress for juniors also)



Winter School uniform

Enrolling your student at Cobar High School

You will need to have an interview with Miss Bond (Deputy Principal) when you come to Cobar. This is compulsory for all new enrolments and does need to happen before your child can attend school. Please bring your child's birth certificate (or passport and visa documents) and their Immunisation History Statement. If you have a current academic school report, that may be helpful as well although this is optional. Please contact the school on 02 6836 2705 to make a time for an interview as soon as possible after you arrive in Cobar. Miss Bond will be able to answer any other questions when you have your enrolment interview.

Other information

Cobar High School has a student population of approximately 220.

Our school is supported by many local businesses and individuals, bringing a strong sense of community to our school.

Cobar High School actively participates in many local events and our students volunteer in a range of services within the town.



Trade Training Centre- Hospitality Room



Multi-Purpose Centre



Trade Training Centre- Metal Work Room



School grounds



Library



Flexible learning classroom

Playground Supervision Areas

