



# COBAR HIGH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

WHERE THERE IS A WILL THERE IS A WAY

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# A message from our Year 12 Advisor to the class of 2024

**NICK SHORT**



Hello, staff, students, guests, and especially the Year 12 cohort of Cobar High School. Congratulations! Being here today marks a remarkable milestone for each of you, 13 years of schooling, 2,600 days, overcoming every challenge thrown your way from pandemics & lockdowns to having three different year advisors. Goodbyes make you think. They make you realize what you've had, what you've losing, and what you've taken for granted.

You've all had so many accomplishments, from doing almost every sport in Cobar while juggling your academics, to putting your hand up for leadership roles and helping out in and volunteering for the community.

We're losing the pleasure of your company, as students and now as friends, your energy and maturity, your humour and your sassiness. I've taken for granted that you all would always be here. Most of you arrived here in 2019, just one year after myself, the first Year 7 group I got to see come into the school, and through my time here you have always been a reassuring constant, even before I was your Year Advisor.

You've heard from all the other year groups about what you mean to them, and days like today really highlight how much you mean to us all, as family, friends and role models. It will be hard for all of us to imagine Cobar High without you. I want to take a moment to recognize your parents and caregivers for their unwavering support, commitment, and love during your educational journey. Many of you wouldn't be here today without their encouragement and support and I'm sure they're immensely proud of you all.

Finally then, I will say goodbye. You've achieved something great here today, a personal milestone that can never be taken from you, and you should be proud of that. I hope you look back on your time here with us fondly-as we will cherish your time here with us. We all take different paths in life, but no matter where we go, we will take a little of each other everywhere.

Thank you, and congratulations again, Class of 2024!



# Cobar High School Class of 2024



Zac Boland



Molly Broughton



Macee Brown



Molly Carter



Wyatt Fairfull



Jordan Geale



Paige Geale



Tiana Jones  
School Captain



Jayden Morris





Katie Nicholson  
School Captain



Montanah Phipps



Anton Punzet



Riley Urquhart



Nick Short  
Year Advisor





# Cobar High School

## HPE and NAIDOC DAY

Cobar High School celebrated NAIDOC/HPE day on Friday. While normally, NAIDOC and HPE (Health and Physical Education) days are celebrated separately, we had the pleasure of combining them this year and focusing our NAIDOC on Tradition Indigenous Games, learning about First Nation Culture and the importance of physical activity.

We had a variety of 5 different Traditional Indigenous Games inspired by Yulunga such as ; Edor: a chasing and tagging game that originated in the Aurukun Aboriginal Community, Millim Baeyeetch: a First Nations football style game that was first observed being played in parts of Victoria in the 1840's, Wana: a cricket style game played by the Noongar people in Southwest Western Australia that taught the people the importance of protecting your possessions, Thepan: which means "To Hit" in the Wik-Mungkan languages spoken in parts of North Queensland and is a game similar to Fencing (we played with pool noodles to eliminate injury), Wulijini: A Volleyball style game that was played on Bathurst Island as well as cooking, Dance and Art. We painted one of the walls inside the school with this year's NAIDOC Theme, the students also enjoyed cooking Johnny cakes while having a discussion about healthy eating habits and Dance, where the students danced and learnt about different animals.

We had "Deadly Participant" slips for staff to fill out for the students that were putting in their best efforts at each activity and there were prizes available for raffle at the end of the day with a major prize going to the student with the most slips. Students and staff enjoyed a sausage sizzle, while the school was a buzz with First Nation Artists music being played through the PA System during the lunch break. Mother nature came through with the goods by providing brilliant weather for the day and the students and the staff came through with brilliant participation and amazing vibes.



# Cobar High School Taiko

Cobar High School is excited to share an original taiko piece commissioned for an outdoor performance at the Cobar Sound Chapel, made possible by the generous support of Aurelia Metals.

Musicians Graham Hilgendorf and Masae Ikegawa from YuNiOn have created a piece called 'Source', inspired by Cobar's water sources. The world premiere will take place on October 19th, with Cobar High School students performing around the Cobar Sound Chapel.

The composition starts with a bird-like opening, symbolising birds gathering at water, and then moves into powerful taiko rhythms representing the energy and flow of water. The piece draws from Cobar's water delivery trains and pipe networks.

Students have been working hard to learn and perform 'Source'. For a number of students it is their first term learning and performing taiko and are doing a brilliant job!

Thanks to a donation from Aurelia Metals, online workshops with Graham and Masae have helped students enhance their performance.







**Cobar High School Breakfast Cafe is thrilled to announce a generous donation of milk from Little Big Dairy Co!**

**Want to support Little Big Dairy? Here's a list of local retailers where you can find their products:**

**Retail: Khans Burgess IGA**

**Thank you for supporting our community!**



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**2025**

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# LIVE MUSIC *Festival*



*Sat 19  
October*

5pm

Cobar Sound  
Chapel

Free Event



Special guest  
Shane  
Josephson!



# *Upcoming Events*

## *for Cobar High School*

SEPTEMBER

**27**

*Last Day of Term 3*

OCTOBER

**14**

*First day of Term 4*

OCTOBER

**16 - 17**

*Homework Centre  
3:30pm to 5:00pm*

OCTOBER

**18**

*Cross Country Colour  
Run*

OCTOBER

**22**

*Term 3 Awards  
Assembly*

OCTOBER

**23-24**

*Homework Centre  
3:30pm to 5:00pm*

OCTOBER

**30-31**

*Homework Centre  
3:30pm to 5:00pm*

NOVEMBER

**06-07**

*Homework Centre  
3:30pm to 5:00pm*

NOVEMBER

**15**

*Mid Term Break*