



COBAR HIGH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

WHERE THERE IS A WILL THERE IS A WAY

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A message from our Principal

SHANE CARTER



It's hard to believe we've reached this point already. The year has certainly flown by, but as we reflect on all that's been achieved, it's clear that it's been a year filled with growth, resilience, and community spirit. Today, we're here to celebrate student success in all its forms - academic excellence, sporting prowess, creative achievements, and community contributions. These awards are an acknowledgement of your effort, but they're also a reminder of what's possible when you show up, work hard, and stay the course. Award recipients have continued to show us what it means to be Cobar Proud. There's a grit and determination here that's hard to put into words but impossible to miss when you see it in action.

A school is only as strong as the people within it, and Cobar High School is fortunate to have a brilliant team. To our teaching and support staff – thank you for everything you've done this year. You've gone above and beyond for our students, often behind the scenes, and I'm deeply grateful for your efforts. As is customary, we must also farewell some of these fine people. Thankfully there are only 2 who are ironically, both on their second tour of duty at Cobar High. Garry Pritchard, we wish you all the best as you sail off into the sunset called retirement. I sincerely hope that you and your wife Kathy enjoy your travels and family time. Thank you for all you have done. Secondly, we farewell my former student Todd Fugar who returns to the coast after a 2 year stay with us. You have brought fresh ideas to our school, and we thank you for your contribution. All the best my friend to you and your family and we will now start working on your 3rd tour!

To our parents and carers – your partnership means everything. The trust you place in us is not taken lightly, and your support is felt in every classroom. We will endeavour to strengthen this trust through open communication and respect. Additionally, our everyday operations are significantly enhanced by our partnerships with the many organisations and enterprises that we have in our local community. I would like to thank the P&C for their long-term support of the school and at the same time encourage more people to become involved. Added to this are our links with Cobar Public School, St Johns Primary School, the Shire Council, the local mines and the many, many other businesses in their support and by providing opportunities such as work experience or placements and our homework centre.

I'd again like to take a moment to recognise our outgoing school captains, Tiarna Jones and Katie Nicholson. You performed admirably, & we thank you wholeheartedly whilst wishing you the absolute best for your future. Moving forward I look forward to continuing working with our 2025 captains, Hayden Nicholson and Malina Bottom, along with our newly appointed vice captains whom I will now introduce, Pearl Blackburn and Rori Urquhart. Congratulations to all four of you. I'm confident you'll bring fresh ideas, enthusiasm, and heart to your roles, and we're all looking forward to seeing the positive impact you'll make.

And to our rockstars – our students. Congratulations to all today's award recipients. To be eligible for your award you have displayed the qualities of respect, excellence and safety which will hold you in good stead into the future. That said, it doesn't stop here. If you or those without awards today truly wish to reach your full potential, I challenge each and everyone of you to do your absolute best in following our expectations each and everyday. Life rarely knocks on your door handing out free gifts – to be successful you need to put in the effort.

As we look to 2025, we do so with excitement and optimism. There are new opportunities on the horizon, and I'm confident that the lessons we've learned this year will serve us well. Our focus will remain on fostering an environment where every student feels seen, valued, and supported to achieve their best.

Finally, as we head into the break, I encourage you all to rest, recharge, and enjoy time with loved ones. Be proud of everything you've accomplished this year, big or small. The journey continues, and I'm excited to see what's next for all of us in 2025.

Thank you for being here today. Take care, travel safely, and have a joyful and relaxing holiday season.

I will leave you with this thought – success isn't just about reaching a destination; it's about the journey, the lessons, and the people you meet along the way. Let's continue walking that path together, as a community, as a school, and as a family. Thank you.



2025 Vice Captain's speeches

Our 2025 Vice Captains,
Pearl Blackburn and Rori Urquhart both delivered
compelling speeches for their leadership next year.
Congratulations to you both.



Rori Urquhart



Pearl Blackburn



Throughout Term 3 and 4 a small group of Stage 4 students have been constructing a new gangway and side rails to replace the old bridge on the cubby house at Cobar Preschool.

On Thursday 28th of November students completed the final stage of the project, which was removing the old bridge and installing the new equipment.

Students involved are to be commended on their efforts throughout the entire process. They have all been keen to get in and complete any tasks asked of them and hopefully have learnt some new skills along the way.

Thanks also to Matt Harland and Robert Thompson for your assistance during the project.

Australian Golf Foundation Junior Girls Scholarship program

Media Release

Cobar Bowling and Golf Club are offering junior girls' golf scholarships in 2025!

Cobar Bowling and Golf Club has obtained funding from The Australian Golf Foundation (AGF) to support 10 lucky girls to continue to develop their golfing skills.

Scholarships are open to girls aged 9 to 16 and while the program's primary aim is to retain girls in golf by giving girls a shared golf experience, girls new to golf may also be engaged in this program should they demonstrate a commitment to learning the sport.

"This is a terrific opportunity", said Narelle Kriz Cobar's Lady Golf President, "Not only will girls receive 24 coaching sessions with My self and Gary Begg, but also a free one-year junior club membership that carries playing rights, to ensure girls can participate in club competitions and obtain a handicap".

The Scholarship program is part of a national campaign to get more girls playing golf. Along with over 160 other golf facilities across Australia, [insert centre name] will be working closely with golf's national body Golf Australia throughout 2025.

"All we ask is that applicants display a desire and willingness to improve their golf skills, obtain a handicap, play in club competitions (or at least social play) and engage in any extra-curricular activity that fosters friendships between scholarship holders".

A total of 10 scholarships will be available for 2025.

For further information and to apply, please contact Narelle Kriz 0427491563

YEAR 6 ORIENTATION & BBQ



Over the past term, Year 6 students from both St John's Parish School and Cobar Public School have been visiting Cobar High School to get to know the school, the staff, and some of the students they'll be seeing next year. This Tuesday was their last visit, and SRC students Oscar Degn, Montana Edwards, Braydee Murrell, Sophie Beer, and Isabella Degn all helped cook and serve a barbecue to celebrate their last visit of the year. We're all looking forward to seeing them become part of our school next year!



Term 4 Presentation Day





Congratulations to all award recipients





Upcoming Events

for Cobar High School

DECEMBER

16-17

Term 4 Rainbow rewards Griffith trip

DECEMBER

17

Stage 5 Lilliane Brady Village Mural

DECEMBER

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Last day of school for 2024

FEBRUARY

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*Term 1 2025 commences
Years 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 & 12*

