Term 4

U/15 Netball
Cobar
Friday 13th November

Year 10
Careers Excursion
Sunday 15th November-
Friday 20th November

Schools Spectacular
Aboriginal Dance Ensemble
Sunday 22nd November-
Sunday 29th November

Year 7 2016
Parent Information Night
Wednesday 25th November
6pm-7pm
School MPC

SRC Halloween Disco
Wednesday 25th November
7pm-9pm
School MPC

Year 9
Canberra Excursion
Monday 30th November-
Friday 4th December

MADD Night
Thursday 3rd December
6pm-8pm
School MPC

Presentation Day
Wednesday 9th December
2:00pm-3:30pm
School MPC

Positive Behaviour for Learning
Respect
Excellence
Safety
Male members of staff are supporting Movember and raising funds for prostate cancer.

The school chapter of Batyr organised for members of the State Organisation to come to Cobar High this week. On Tuesday, all students participated in creating a handprint banner—one hand—one goal towards better mental health awareness. Staff had training on Tuesday afternoon and Year 9 had a presentation on Wednesday morning. Thank you to the following students who are in the Batyr Chapter: Thomas Jones, Katherine Dennis, Joana Awuku, Jennifer Awuku, Stephanie Bastian and Emily Carswell. Special thanks to Mrs Carswell for her support of the students.

The students looked tremendous, the room was fantastically decorated and the meal sumptuous. A very special thank you to Merryn McIntryre who does most of the organisation for the night, Kath Harbison who assisted with the set-up, Lee Davey and Shannon Higgins for taking photos and Chris Marshall for MC the event. A special thank you also to Rhonda Hudson who very kindly donated the cake.

BYOD
There is information on pages 5—8 regarding our policy. If you are considering buying your child a device, please make sure that you check the specifications.

Parent Line
Parent Line NSW professional counsellors take calls 7 days a week from parents of High School-age children. Parents can ask questions about aspects of behaviour, relationships, substance use and educational concerns until 9pm every night. Ph: 1300130052 Website: www.parentline.org.au

Monday 23rd November two Principals School Leadership will be at the school to validate the processes we have used to assess ourselves against the School Excellence Framework.

Sue Francisco
Class of 2015
Goodbye and Goodluck
Work Placement Student

Year 11 VET Hospitality Student
Annette Hudson
with Hudson Catering.

Work Experience Students

Year 10 Work Experience Student
Emily Carswell with the
Department of Sport and Recreation
at their Myuna Bay Camp.

Year 10 Work Experience Student
Andrew Rorke with the
Local Lands Services in Cobar.

YEAR 7 2016
PARENT INFORMATION NIGHT

Wednesday 25th November
School MPC
6pm-7pm
All Welcome
BYOD

Not sure what to get your teenager for Christmas? How about something that will help them with their education and allow them to become 21st Century technology citizens of the world? In 2016 Cobar High School will have a Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) Policy which will see students in the Year 8 & 9 self-select classes as well as all students in Years 10-12 be able to bring in a device to use in class as long as they have signed the BYOD Policy and have a device which fits the specifications required.

Below is an example of the policy which students and parents will need to sign to allow students to bring their devices to school for educational purposes as well as details on the specifications needed. So equip your student for the 21st Century this Christmas.

The Cobar High School BYOD Policy will be issued to students at the beginning of 2016.

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**Bring Your Own Device-Cobar High School**

**Specifications**

| Form Factor | Laptop or convertible device (tablet)  
|-------------|----------------------------------------  
|             | Any convertible device must have a keyboard attached to it |
| Physical Dimensions for Screen | Minimum Screen Size: 9”  
|                               | Maximum Screen Size 15” |
| Operating System | Microsoft Windows 7 or newer  
|                   | Apple MacOS X 10.6 or newer  
|                   | Microsoft Windows RT  
|                   | Android Tablets and Google Chrome Books should be acceptable, provided they meet the rest of the criteria |
| Wireless Capability | Device must have 5GHz 802.11n support |
| Battery Life | Minimum advertised battery life of 6 hours |
| Educational Software | Web browser: Internet Explorer 10 or newer, Google Chrome, Mozilla Firefox, Safari 6 or newer.  
|                     | Word Processor, Spreadsheet & Presentation Package: Examples include Microsoft Office, Apple iWorks, OpenOffice, Google Apps.  
|                     | PDF Reader: Adobe Acrobat Reader or compatible  
|                     | Flash and Java: (latest versions)  
|                     | Additional subject-specific software may be required. Students will be informed of the need of these by specific teachers. |
| Backup | Students should regularly backup their files, onto a USB device or cloud-based system |
| Security Software | All devices should have appropriate Security Software, and undergo regular tests to determine safety. |
| Additional Recommendations | Maximum 2kg weight  
|                          | Minimum RAM (Laptops): 4GB  
|                          | Minimum RAM (Tablets): 1GB  
|                          | Insurance, or an extended warranty, on all devices may be a good investment |
| Additional Accessories | Hard case/cover  
|                       | Headphones |
Cobar High School
Bring Your Own Device Policy

Bring Your Own Device refers to the policy of permitting students to bring personally owned mobile devices (laptops, tablets) to school, and to use those devices to access school information and appropriate applications for learning.

Cobar High School is committed to providing supportive and engaging learning environments for all our students. We understand the importance of technology, and educational technological tools, in an ever-growing, information age. It is for this reason that we have developed this policy to provide safe and secure guidance regarding the acceptable use of the device, wireless infrastructure and filtered internet.

Actions

Students need to be aware of and read the Cobar High School's BYOD policy and DEC Online Communication Services: Acceptable Usage for School Students found at:

Students and parents/guardians must read and understand these guidelines and sign the Student User Agreement before students will be permitted to connect a personal device to the school's wireless network services. If a student connects a device without a Student User Agreement they are in breach of the school rules and disciplinary action may be taken.

The term device refers to any personal technology device students bring from home with the capability to connect to the Department of Education and Communities' Wi-Fi network.

Students can only use a personal technology device at school, with the knowledge and written approval of parent/guardian and Cobar High School. The signing and return of the CHS BYOD User Agreement constitutes such knowledge and approval. Cobar High School reserves the right to confiscate any unauthorised device. The school adopts this policy in order to maintain a safe and secure environment for students and staff.

Students are to use the device for educational purposes whilst on school premises and/or connected to the school network. Activities such as downloading files not related to school work, playing computer games or watching movies is not permitted and contravenes the school’s Student User Agreement.

Cobar High School reserves the right to inspect any device if a student is suspected of engaging in misconduct or violating the DEC or School policies, administrative procedures, school rules or the CHS Student User Agreement when using the device. Violations may result in the loss of the privilege to use the device at school and/or disciplinary action.

Student devices are not covered by NSW Treasury Managed Fund. The student MUST accept FULL responsibility for the care and use of their own device. In particular, the school does not accept responsibility for theft or loss of the device or its parts and accessories, or damage to said device. In cases of malicious damage of a student's device, existing school policies and processes for damage to schools or another student's property apply.

Student responsibilities

Students must take full responsibility for the care and maintenance of their own device. Cobar High School is not responsible for the safety and security of the personal learning device. Students should:

- Label the device with the student's name and year group. The label should not be able to be easily removed or tampered with.
- Back up and store files securely. It is recommended that students back up their work with a portable hard drive or USB flash drive, which should also be labelled with the student’s name and year group, on a regular basis.
- Ensure appropriate care of the device including the use of a protective case, costs of repair, replacement or any modifications required to use the device at school.
- Keep the device with them at all times, keeping their device in line of sight during class and break times and secure the device in a protective carry case when travelling to and from school.
- Not loan their device to any other person.
Manage battery life and regularly charge their device. Devices should be fully charged when brought to school.

Ensure that the device is kept in protective casing.

Maintain up-to-date anti-virus software and operating system on their device.

Take insurance coverage for their device to protect from accidental damage, theft or loss.

Ensure that the operating system and all software on their device are legally and appropriately licensed.

Not use any electronic device to record audio or video or take pictures of any student or staff member without their permission.

Use the device appropriately. Students are not permitted to use technology to harass, threaten, humiliate, intimidate, annoy or threaten any member of the school community and breaches will be subject to normal school disciplinary procedures.

**Technical Assistance or Advice**

Cobar High School is not obliged to provide hardware or technical support for personal devices. Basic assistance around connectivity to the wireless network will be provided.

The school cannot undertake to provide technical assistance to students for hardware and software problems that may arise with personal devices. If a personal device were to malfunction during a lesson, the student would be required to continue with classwork in a conventional manner.

The student is responsible for ensuring that the required software and applications are installed on their device, as well as current anti-virus software and must continue to maintain the latest service packs, updates and antivirus controls.

**Security**

System security is protected through the use of passwords. Failure to adequately protect or update passwords may compromise security and result in unauthorised access to files.

Any student identified as a security risk or proven to be an irresponsible user may be denied access to the network.

Students must follow these guidelines:

Students should not share or reveal their passwords to another individual.

Students should have strong passwords and suitable privacy controls.

Students must log in under their own name and are not to use a computer or resource that has been logged in under another name.

Students are responsible for installing appropriate anti-virus software and ensuring such software is updated on a regular basis.

Ensure that the operating system and all software on their device are legally and appropriately licensed.

**Equity**

Students who are unable to bring their own device to school may have access to devices available by Cobar High School. In cases where students are unable to bring their own device the school may, where possible, provide a device for loan during lessons.

**Intellectual property and Copyright**

Students must comply with all copyright standards. Students must not plagiarise, copy, transmit or download any copyright material without appropriate permissions.
COBAR HIGH SCHOOL
BRING YOUR OWN DEVICE (BYOD)
STUDENT USER AGREEMENT

Students must read and sign the BYOD Student Agreement in the company of a parent or caregiver unless otherwise directed by the principal.
I agree that I will abide by Cobar High School's BYOD policy and DEC Online Communication Services: Acceptable usage for students and that:

I will use the department's Wi-Fi network for learning.
I will only use the school internet service to access the internet at school.
I will use my device during school activities with the permission and direction of the teacher.
I will use my own portal/internet log-in details and will never share them with others.
I will stay safe by not giving my personal information to strangers.
I will not attach any school-owned equipment to my mobile device without the permission of the school.
I will not hack or bypass any hardware and software security implemented by the department or my school.
I will not use my own device to knowingly search for, link to, access or send anything that is offensive or pornographic, threatening, abusive or defamatory or considered to be bullying.
I will report inappropriate behaviour and inappropriate material to my teacher.
I understand that my activity on the internet is recorded and that these records may be used in investigations, court proceedings or for other legal reasons.
I acknowledge that the school cannot be held responsible for any damage to, or theft of my personal device.
I understand that I must bring the device to school fully charged every day and there are no facilities for charging my device at school.
I understand that technical support at school is limited to helping me access the schools wireless network only.
I have read the BYOD Student Responsibilities document and agree to comply with the requirements.
I have reviewed the BYOD Device Requirements document and have ensured my device meets the minimum outlined specifications.
I will back up my data on a daily basis.
I understand that inappropriate use of my device may result in confiscation of my device and disciplinary action and that any staff member has the right to inspect and confiscate a device if there are suspected violations of Cobar High School's BYOD policy and DEC Online Communication Services: Acceptable Usage for Students, and this may result in the loss of network/device privileges.

Student Name: ______________________________________________________________________________

Given Name  Family Name

Parent/caregiver:
I understand that my child will be responsible for abiding by the Cobar High School's BYOD Policy and DEC Online Communication Services: Acceptable Usage for Students. I have read and discussed these documents with my child and understand the responsibility they have in the use of their personal device

Date: ____________

in the presence of: 

Student name  Parent/caregiver name

Student signature  Parent/caregiver signature

Please complete the above sections and return to the office.
Batyr hand-print banner

BBQ Lunch

Batyr Resilience Talk with Year 9
**PBL Vision Statement**

“Cobar High School strives for excellence in a safe and respectful environment”.

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### Period Times - Term 3 2015

- **Muster**: 8:55 - 9:00
- **Period 1**: 9:00 - 9:55
- **Period 2**: 9:55 - 10:50
- **Recess**: 10:50 - 11:20
- **Period 3**: 11:20 - 12:15
- **Period 4**: 12:15 - 1:10
- **Lunch**: 1:10 - 1:40
- **Period 5**: 1:40 - 2:35
- **Period 6**: 2:35 - 3:30

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**Assessments Due: Term 4, Week 7**

- **Year 12**: SLR

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**Assessments Due: Term 4, Week 8**

- **Year 12**: PDHPE, Work Studies

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### What’s On - Weeks 7 & 8, Term 4

- **Monday 16th November**: Year 10 Careers Excursion: B Ford, K Sutton
- **Tuesday 17th November**: Year 10 Careers Excursion: B Ford, K Sutton
- **Wednesday 18th November**: Year 10 Careers Excursion: B Ford, K Sutton
- **Thursday 19th November**: Year 10 Careers Excursion: B Ford, K Sutton
  - English Conference: C McMurtrie
  - Careers Conference; Dubbo: M Nicholson
- **Friday 20th November**: Year 10 Careers Excursion: B Ford, K Sutton
  - English Conference: C McMurtrie
  - Careers Conference; Dubbo: M Nicholson
  - State DP Congress: S Carter
- **Monday 23rd November**: School Spectacular Aboriginal Dance Ensemble; Sydney: A Hill
- **Tuesday 24th November**: School Spectacular Aboriginal Dance Ensemble; Sydney: A Hill
- **Wednesday 25th November**: School Spectacular Aboriginal Dance Ensemble; Sydney: A Hill
  - Year 7 2016, Parent Information Night: School MPC 6pm-7pm
  - SRC Halloween Disco: School MPC 7pm-9pm
- **Thursday 26th November**: School Spectacular Aboriginal Dance Ensemble; Sydney: A Hill
- **Friday 27th November**: School Spectacular Aboriginal Dance Ensemble; Sydney: A Hill
  - PSL Training; Sydney: S Francisco

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### P & C Meeting

- **Tuesday 1st December, 2015**
  - **7pm**
  - The Great Western Hotel Verandah
  - All Welcome

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**Assessments Due: Term 4, Week 8**

- **Year 12**: SLR