



COBAR HIGH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

WHERE THERE IS A WILL THERE IS A WAY

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Stage 5

Agriculture Farm

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A message from our Principal

SHANE CARTER



Winter has definitely arrived as we move through the halfway mark of the term. It is heartening to see so many students in their school uniforms; however, we would like to remind everyone that while we appreciate school spirit, we are not the Cobar Roosters or the Cobar Netball Club. We do, however, permit puff-style jackets to be worn over the school uniform when required on those extra chilly days.

Unfortunately, the chilly weather has coincided with a drop in attendance. Over the past months, our attendance rates have been well above the same time last year, and we desperately wish to see this positive trend continue. With another four-day week coming up, please make school attendance a priority and ensure your child attends every day.

We are thrilled to hear that students and staff had an enjoyable experience at last week's Stage 4 camp in the Blue Mountains! Reports from the camp staff highlighted our students' excellent behaviour and enthusiastic participation in all activities, and they have expressed their eagerness to welcome us back in the future. A huge thank you to Miss Hitchins and Mr. Short for generously volunteering their time to ensure a successful camp experience for everyone.

Last week, I had the pleasure of witnessing our students showcase their skills at the annual Newcastle University Science and Engineering Challenge, held at the Cobar Bowling & Golf Club. Although we didn't take home the major trophy, it was wonderful to see our students engaged and enjoying themselves while tackling various real-world problems through hands-on experimentation. A heartfelt thank you to Miss Miller, Mr. Eades, Mr. Baker, and all the volunteers and organisers who made this event possible. It was truly a fantastic day!

As staff are currently busy preparing Semester 1 reports, I would like to announce that we are introducing updated school report formats for Years 7-10. The new format has been developed by the NSW Department of Education in response to feedback from parents and educators to make reports easier to read and understand. A new achievement scale and descriptions are included in the report to provide a clearer picture of your child's progress. Parent-teacher interviews will remain an important way to discuss your child's progress and achievement in more detail. We welcome your feedback or questions about the new format in the near future.

Shane Carter
Principal

Open Girls Soccer



On Thursday 22nd May, our Open Girls Soccer team travelled to Dubbo to compete against Blayney High School and Dubbo College in the Quarter Finals. Despite wet and challenging conditions, the girls showed great determination and teamwork throughout the day.

The team faced two tough opponents and were unfortunately defeated in both matches. However, the scorelines did not reflect the effort and spirit shown by our players. Playing in the rain, the girls displayed resilience, sportsmanship, and a positive attitude from start to finish.

Well done to all students involved – you represented Cobar High School with pride!





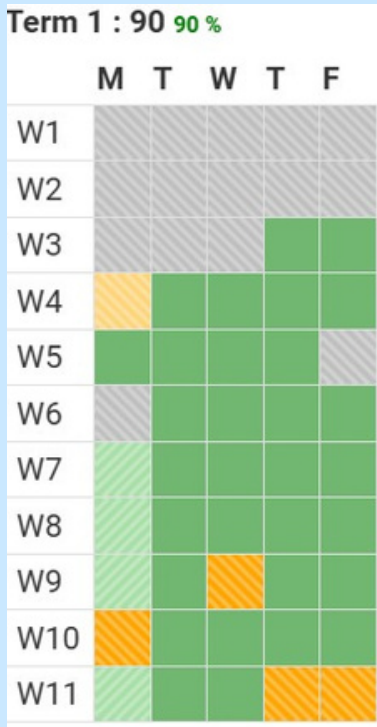
Cobar High School

Attendance Snapshot

TERM 1 ATTENDANCE

At 90% there are just a few absences across the term. With all absences being explained.

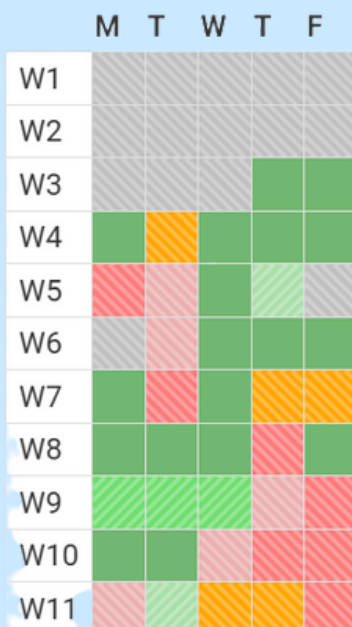
90% SNAPSHOT



69% SNAPSHOT

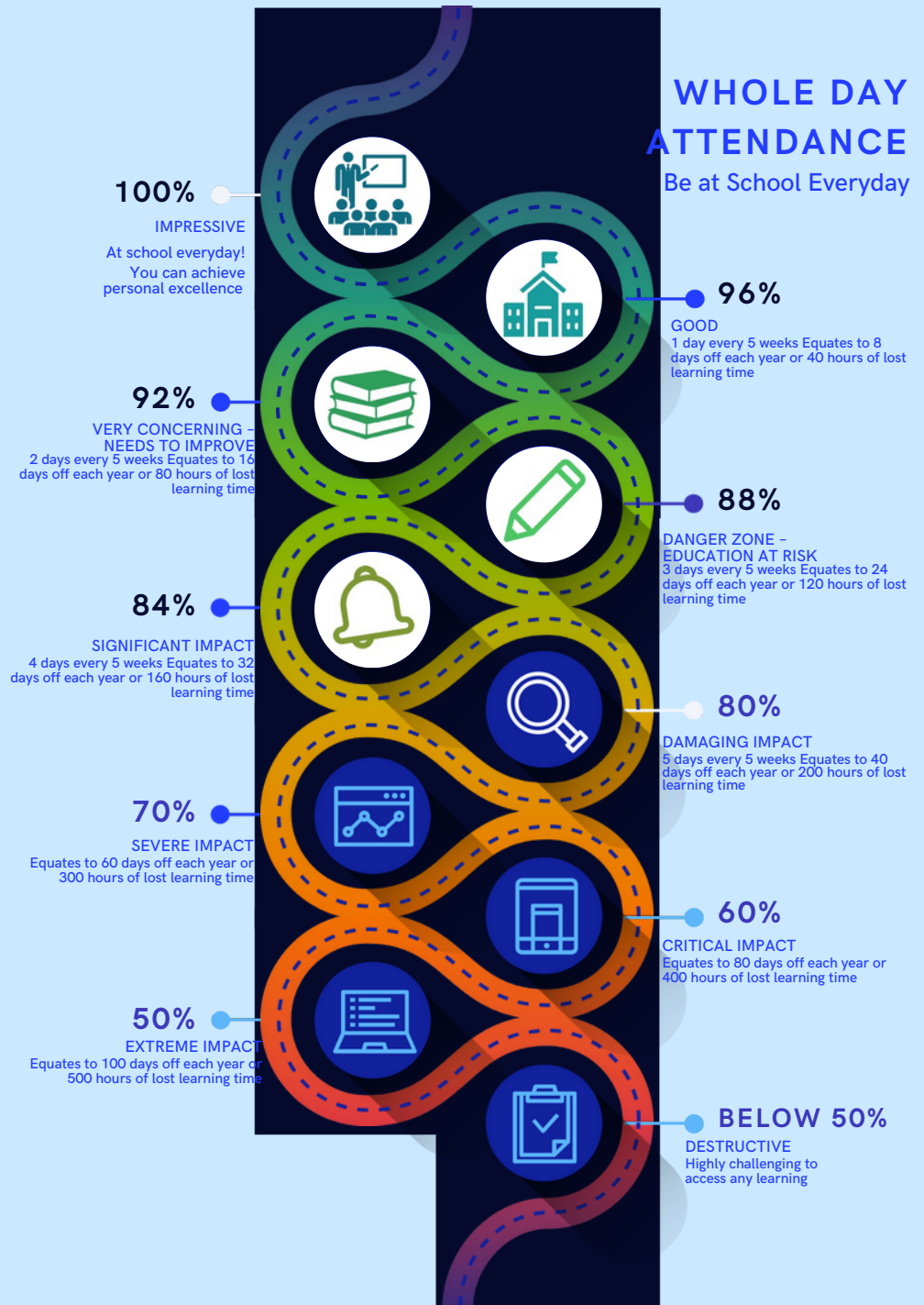
At 69% you can see a range of whole day absences and also partial absence unexplained.

Term 1 : 69.3 69.3 %



UNDERSTANDING THE ROADMAP

The visual guide below shows how your child's attendance percentage impacts their learning across the school year. The higher the attendance, the greater their opportunity to engage, achieve and stay connected.



Did you know? You can track attendance, absences and more via the Sentral for Parents app. Make sure your details are up to date so you don't miss important notifications. Contact the Front Office for more info.

stage 4 **CAMP**



Stage 4 Blue Mountains Excursion

Mr Short and Miss Hitchins recently accompanied 31 Stage 4 students on an exciting and action-packed excursion to CCC Camps at Mt. Victoria in the beautiful Blue Mountains. Over several days, students participated in a wide variety of outdoor activities including the Flying Fox, Laser Tag, Crate Climb, Archery, and the challenging High Ropes course. Despite the freezing weather—much colder than many had expected—the group remained in high spirits, even if a few students regretted not packing that extra jumper! The delicious camp meals kept everyone fuelled for adventure, and evenings were spent relaxing and enjoying downtime, including a sneaking in watching the State of Origin! Throughout the trip, the students were exceptionally well-behaved and represented Cobar High with pride. Camp staff even praised the group for their respect and enthusiasm. The bus ride to camp was filled with laughter and excitement, while the return trip was noticeably quieter, with many of us nodding off after a big few days. Overall, it was a memorable experience full of teamwork, fun, and lasting memories.





NSW Public Schools Student Survey

Please read the following



04:30

6 JUNE FRIDAY



Notification

Please check your emails for Information and opt-out form for student survey



Reminder

Fill in and return opt-out form if you do not want your child to participate



Reminder

Return form by Monday 23rd June

SCIENCE & ENGINEERING Challenge



Stage 5 students recently took part in the annual Science and Engineering Challenge, hosted by the University of Newcastle at the Cobar Bowling and Golf Club. They tackled a variety of hands-on challenges including building model fish traps, airplanes, wind turbines, eco-houses, and bridges. Students also tested their skills in providing energy to a model town and communicating using coded coloured lights. It was a fantastic day of teamwork, creativity, and problem-solving!

JOIN IN ON THE

AMAZING RACE

ARE YOU THE
TEAM TO BEAT?

DUE BY
TERM 2
WEDNESDAY
WEEK 8
18 JUNE

HAND IN YOUR
ACKNOWLEDGMENT
CARDS TO YOUR
YEAR ADVISOR

**Term 2 Acknowledgement
Day 2025**

Our talented students practicing "Taking Care" by Andrew Howes to be performed live with the Sydney Youth Orchestra.



BIG SKY TOUR

SYDNEY YOUTH ORCHESTRAS PRESENT

SYO BIG SKY ORCHESTRA

WITH CONDUCTOR *James Pensini*

12:15PM
MONDAY
30 JUNE

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BY INVITATION ONLY



SYO IS SUPPORTED BY
THE NSW GOVERNMENT
THROUGH CREATE NSW



Cobar Welcomes the Sydney Youth Orchestra!

🎻 **Daytime:** Stage 4 and self-nominated students will experience a live “Meet the Orchestra” concert. Invite only.

★ **Evening:** The Sydney Youth Orchestra teams up with our community and student choir to perform **Taking Care** by Andrew Howes, celebrating **100 years of Royal Far West**. All welcome.

🎵 Enjoy an unforgettable program featuring Pictures at an Exhibition and Emu in the Sky.

🎫 **Tickets:** \$15 Adults | \$10 Students/Concession (+ booking fee)

📅 Book now: <https://syo.com.au/2024/06/30/cobar-big-sky-tour>

COBAR
30 JUNE 2025
COBAR HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM



SYDNEY YOUTH ORCHESTRAS PRESENT
SYO BIG SKY ORCHESTRA
WITH CONDUCTOR JAMES PENSINI

7:00PM
MONDAY
30 JUNE

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TICKETS AVAILABLE AT [SYO.COM.AU](https://syo.com.au)



Sydney Youth Orchestras
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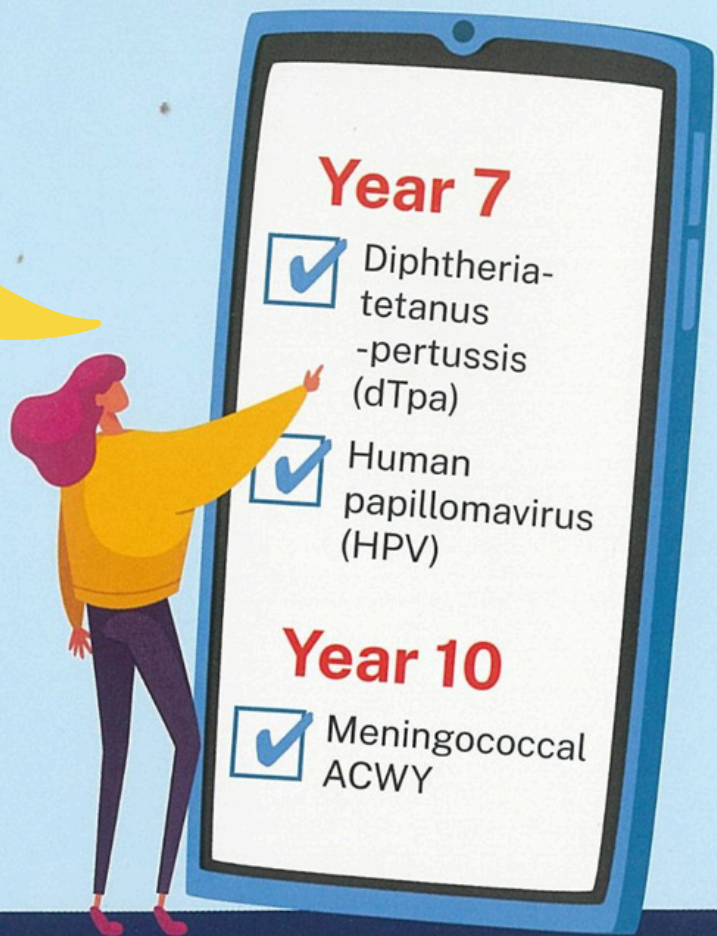




Is your child in year 7 or year 10?

Provide your consent for routine
school vaccinations online

**Catch-up clinic
Tuesday 24th June**



**Scan the QR code to
give your consent now**



To provide online consent visit:
<https://engage.health.nsw.gov.au/engage>

For more information visit:
health.nsw.gov.au/schoolvaccination

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Upcoming Events for Cobar High School

JUNE

9

*Public Holiday
Kings Birthday*

JUNE

10

*Homework Centre
3.30pm - 5.00pm*

JUNE

11

*Cross Country Trial
Orange*

JUNE

12

*Homework Centre
3.30pm - 5.00pm*

JUNE

16

Athletics Carnival

JUNE

17

*Homework Centre
3.00pm - 5.00pm*

JUNE

20

White Card Training

JUNE

24

*Year 7/10 Catchup
Immunisation Clinic*

JUNE

25

*Acknowledgement
Award Day. Great Race*