



**Cobham**  
INTERMEDIATE  
*ACHIEVING FOR LIFE*



CELEBRATING SUCCESS  
**@COBHAM**  
PROSPECTUS **2020**



## 2019 STUDENT LEADERS@C

**Back Left to Right:** Lucy Gallagher, Jehoshua Ratulomai

**Front Left to Right:** Shylah Bateman, Frances Stanley (Head Girl), George Darnbrough (Head Boy), Ryan Mansbridge-Croy





## WELCOME@C



Eddie Norgate - Principal

I am honoured to be the Principal of Cobham Intermediate School and feel very fortunate to work in partnership with such amazing staff, students, families and the wider community.

The essence of this school is that it puts great teachers together with great students. It gives each the resources, facilities and freedom to get on with learning. Our programmes adapt the best of both traditional and modern teaching and assessment pedagogy to create a vibrant, engaging and student focussed curriculum.

Cobham Intermediate has a reputation as a leading

intermediate school that maximises the benefits of our large size to provide specialised options for individual students. We foster each student's strengths and talents, providing many opportunities for these to flourish.

The talented staff and I are committed to doing the very best we can for all students in our school, with an unconditional focus on the growth, progress and high educational achievement of each and every unique student.

We are a school for the future with learning programmes that focus on the needs of 21st century learners. We do this through a curriculum that is innovative, personalised, connected to the real world and one that encourages students to think.

Cobham receives a huge number of requests for enrolment. This popularity is in part because the school offers courses and activities that cater for the diverse interests of individual students. This ability to tailor learning to student need is illustrated by the wide range of co-curricular opportunities available in the Sports and Arts/Cultural sections of the school.

Our students repeatedly tell us that they love being in an environment focused specifically on the needs of this age group. They enjoy all of the opportunities on offer, the specialist facilities, the friendly and caring staff, and being challenged and motivated with their learning.

I encourage you to visit our website for further information, talk to people associated with our school and to come and have a chat with me to learn more about what we do here and see our students and staff in action. Please phone the school office to make an appointment or to receive further enrolment details.

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## OUR VISION@C

We are a specialised school for Year 7 and 8 students where they become empowered, actively involved life-long learners who develop the skills to build positive relationships and enjoy successes through being in a stimulating, safe learning environment.





# OUR MOTTO - ACHIEVING FOR LIFE@C

In order for our motto to become a reality, it is our aim to have each student reach their potential through quality learning and teaching with specialist teachers who understand the unique needs of early adolescents. There are three key aspects to this.

- We place an emphasis on individuals. It is important to us that our students can be themselves and develop in their own unique ways.
- We value students being known by teachers within the teams they

are clustered in and by staff across the school. This is necessary if we are to meet student needs and allow them to flourish and grow.

- We place an emphasis on achievement. Our record in local, regional, national and international competitions and events is outstanding. Students are encouraged to achieve personal goals, and to reach the highest achievement levels possible. We want them to follow their passions and unlock unknown potential. Our environment and staff encourage and promote this.

To support the individual child, their connectedness with staff and academic achievement, we support all learners to achieve through our Connected@C programme. This programme provides students with a toolbox of skills and strategies to cope with the challenges of emerging adolescence. Complementing this programme we have a school counsellor available for all students.

Through the programmes and processes outlined above, Cobham students are well set up to achieve for life.

## School Guidance Counselling

Specialising in the field of therapeutic guidance counselling, our counsellor is available to provide confidential and professional support to our students, our teachers and to our school community.

Sessions cover a broad range within the social, educational, developmental, mental health, emotional and behavioural areas.

The School Guidance Counsellor is involved in:

- Supporting and being responsive to students dealing with personal issues important to them
- Responding to referrals from classroom teachers or parents
- Safety, child protection and crisis management issues
- Parental education and support
- Classroom involvement in well-being sessions

The School Guidance Counsellor has strong links with specialised child and adolescent and mental health agencies.



## 3RP@C

Our 3RP@C Values - Respectful, Responsible, Resilient, Positive, underpin all that we do and are infused throughout our learning and teaching programmes. It is expected that everyone within our school community takes ownership of, accepts responsibility for and embraces these values.







## OUR CLASSES@C

At Cobham we recognise that not all students are the same and therefore do not all learn, think and act in the same way. We

cater for these unique differences by utilising our large roll size to generate multiple options and opportunities across the school.

This, coupled with a thorough and robust class placement process, allows us to carefully place each student in a class and with a homeroom teacher who will best meet the particular needs, learning styles and interests of each student. Generally students will remain with this same class group and homeroom teacher for both Year 7 and 8. Students, parents and/or teachers may, for a variety of reasons, opt for a change in the second year.

At Cobham we provide the following class options to meet the diverse needs of our students:

- We recognise exceptional ability and potential in a wide range of domains.
- Broad-banded classes of students with a complete range of abilities reflecting the norms of New Zealand schools.





- Classes for students who we believe are suited to accelerated learning.
- Extension groups/classes in a variety of areas based on need and the skills/talents of our students.
- Learning support for all students with identified specific needs through individual or small group teaching.
- ESOL (English as a Second Language) programmes for students who need English language assistance. We welcome International students to our school. They are integrated across classrooms and we encourage them to take part in the wider life of the school. They are given specific ESOL lessons depending on their needs. Cobham provides excellent pastoral care to all our International students and we have a dedicated International Student Co-ordinator.
- Cobham is committed to the delivery of the New Zealand Curriculum, including its stated vision, principles, values and key competencies. All students will experience the full breadth and depth of the curriculum as shown on the following page.







## OUR CURRICULUM@C

Cobham offers an integrated curriculum, which is delivered through four universal concepts per year. The concepts provide contexts for students to reflect on the world around them and how it works. The themes, ideas, challenges and ways of thinking, which they are exposed to within the concepts, are transferable to everyday life and will help them to prepare for successful and rewarding lives in the future.

### All students study with homeroom teachers:

- Connected@C - Well-being Programme
- Literacy – oral, written and visual English
- Outdoor Education
- Social Studies
- Health and Physical Education
- Social Skills
- Information Technology
- Science and Languages

### All students study with specialist teachers:

- Mathematics – ability groups across both year groups
- Science
- Physical Education
- Sports
- Art Groups
- Languages – Te Reo, Korean, Mandarin and a variety of other languages
- Performing Arts
- Hard Materials – Metal, Plastics, Glass, Wood Technology
- Fabric Technology
- Food Technology
- Digital Technology

### Optional areas for students to study:

- Instrumental Music - including orchestral, chamber group, rock band, ukelele, jazz band, itinerant and private tuition
- Kapa Haka
- Choral Music – choir and chorale

- Performing Arts
- Tech Angels
- Computer Coding
- Sports Academy
- Hockey Academy
- Literature Group
- Chemistry Club linking with Burnside High School and University of Canterbury
- Science and Maths Badges
- Future Problem Solving

### Specialist facilities include:

- Science and Technology Centre
- Hayley Westenra Music & Performing Arts Centre
- Haberfield Hall/Gymnasium
- Library
- Learning Centre
- Learning support rooms
- ESOL teaching rooms
- Food Technology room
- Fabric Technology room
- Metal/Wood/Plastics/Glass Technology room
- Digital Technology room
- Canteen



Cobham offers a diverse range of opportunities across academic, cultural and sporting domains, a strength that meets the educational needs of our multi-cultural intake and provides rich experiences across the curriculum.







AIMS Gold Medal Winners - Girls Year 7 Cross Country

## SPORT@C

At Cobham we cater for all levels of sporting ability. Success in the full spectrum of sporting pursuits has traditionally been a key feature of Cobham. In both individual and team sports our students have excelled at local, regional and national levels. We have a proud history of achievement in the prestigious AIMS Games (national competition for intermediate and middle schools). The AIMS tournament, held annually in Tauranga, provides students the opportunity to gauge themselves at a national level against some of the best intermediate athletes in New Zealand. Cobham continually send the biggest team to the AIMS Games from the South Island.

We also have a Sports Academy and Hockey Academy for our most

talented students. These students participate in a weekly before school fitness programme and an in-class session focussed on areas such as nutrition, fitness, goal setting, training principles and sports psychology. Positions for the Sports Academy are keenly sought after and an application process takes place annually in term 1.

All students participate in sport every Tuesday afternoon. In the winter terms we have a three tiered system. Firstly, we have our competitive options where students trial for teams and play against other intermediate schools at other venues around Christchurch. We also provide recreational sports for students like mountain biking and rock climbing and the third tier involves students completing sports

at school like yoga, wheels based activities and Jump Jam.

Our programmes at Cobham allow students to compete and excel, to try new sports with the overall aspiration of having students participate in sporting pursuits beyond high school.

Sports available throughout the year include: athletics, badminton, basketball, cross-country, cricket, football, hockey, netball, rippa rugby, rugby union, sailing, skiing, softball, squash, swimming, table tennis, touch rugby, volleyball, water polo, ice skating, ten pin bowling, mountain biking, yoga, lawn bowls, judo, gymnastics/trampoline, rock climbing, action indoor sports and cross fit.







## MUSIC & CULTURE@C

Cobham is highly regarded for the quality music opportunities it offers and this provides a significant attraction for many students. In 2019 we have a 40 member orchestra, 12 member chamber orchestra, 76 member chorale, 38 member choir, 100 member kapa haka, a rock band, a jazz band and a guitar/ukulele group. We consistently have a significant number of students who successfully audition for the Christchurch Schools' Music Festival and we also perform in the Christchurch Schools' Cultural Festival, the NorthWest Music

Festival and at various other events and venues in the city.

In addition to the groups above we have itinerant and private tutors who provide specialist tuition in a wide variety of instruments. These cater for students across the spectrum of experience. Tuition is offered in: clarinet, saxophone, flute, cello, violin, piano, drums, guitar, bass guitar, keyboard, trumpet, cornet, horn, baritone, trombone, voice, digital music and electric keyboard.

Performing arts are also very well catered for at Cobham. We offer

multiple dance groups, perform at Jump Jam and other inter-school competitions/festivals and produce outstanding (recognised as to a secondary school level) major productions every two years. Our strong Kapa Haka group perform with distinction at the annual Christchurch Cultural Festival.

At Cobham we are proud to accommodate the needs of 24 different ethnic backgrounds. We are a sought after institution for international education with one of the highest number of long term enrolments in the primary and intermediate sector in Christchurch.







*Jump Jam, 2nd at SI Regional Competition*



*Julie Christensen with the prestigious Wrybill Award*



*AIMS Games Athletes*

## ACHIEVEMENTS & SUCCESSES@C

Cobham has a strong history of high achievement and success across the curriculum, whether it be local, regional, national or international events. We value high performance and are very proud of the attainments of our students.

One of the benefits of a large school is the range of talents on

offer from the staff due to this increased pool. We have talented, motivated and dedicated staff. Our teachers, along with targeted specialists from outside of our school, are used effectively to facilitate high achievement.

We consistently achieve top results in literacy, mathematics, problem

solving, science, music and sports events. Our high expectations, culture of positivity, grit and resilience, along with the students pushing each other to great heights, is a recipe for success.

## RECENT ACHIEVEMENTS@C

**Future Problem Solving** – Future Problem Solving (FPS) thrives at Cobham and our school has been constantly strong in FPS for many years. FPS is an international extension programme that considers issues of importance to humanity in the future. FPS has several components. Cobham offers the Global Issues (GIPS) and Scenario Writing components. Teams of four, or individuals, compete in GIPS, while Scenario Writing is a futuristic, short story competition for individuals.

Students compete throughout the year, thinking around a different topic each term. Their work is recorded and evaluated. Top teams and individuals within New Zealand compete at the FPS National finals in early November of each year and then title holders from the New Zealand Finals are invited to represent both Cobham and New Zealand at FPS World Finals ) in the USA. In the last twelve years Cobham students have placed in the top ten in the world several times, in both the GIPS and Scenario Writing competitions.

In June this year an individual GIPS student and one Scenario Writer will be travelling to the USA to represent Cobham and New Zealand at FPS IC, to be held in Amherst Massachusetts USA from 5 - 9 June. They will be travelling with their coach Sue Williams. The topic for IC is "De-extinction". Once in the USA students will use the complex FPS thinking model to problem find and problem solve, while Scenario Writers will create a 1500 word science-fiction short story based on the topic.

**Literature Quiz** – Cobham continues to have a proud history of success in this competition. A team from Cobham has been placed in the Top 10 for the last 5 years of the competition. In 2019 the Cobham A team tied for 3rd place. In 2018 our Cobham A team was placed 5th out of 63 teams. In 2017 Cobham came 2nd and 5th equal in Canterbury. The team that came 2nd went on to be placed 6th in the National Final in Wellington.

**Otago Daily Times Current Events Quiz** – Another competition where Cobham teams do very well. In 2018 Cobham placed 3<sup>rd</sup>, and in 2017 Cobham teams came 1st and 3rd.

**Cantamaths** - Traditionally we are very successful in this competition, with Cobham students being regularly placed in the top 10 in both the displays and problem-solving sections.



# RECENT ACHIEVEMENTS@C

**Chess Team** - Cobham Intermediate finished 4th in 2018 at the Canterbury Chess Championships. In 2017 the Cobham team came 3rd at the Canterbury Chess Championship. In 2016, Cobham A were 1st and Cobham B were 2nd at the Chess Power Tournament Canterbury Zone. A Cobham student was 3rd overall at that tournament. In 2016 a Cobham team won the Inter Schools Canterbury Chess Championship. Also in 2016, the Cobham girls team won the Canterbury Girls Championship. In that year, Cobham finished 7th overall at the Inter Schools National Championship. Cobham were also South Island Primary/Intermediate School Champions in 2016.

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**Canterbury Westland Science Fair** - For the second year in a row a Cobham student has won the prestigious Ecan Wrybill Award and the Zonta Award. In 2018, 6 students were awarded special prizes. These included:

- **Eco Protector** - Zonta Club of Waimakariri: Environmental award for a project, study, invention, recycling scheme or conservation/ water reduction project that increases public awareness of the diverse environmental issues in Canterbury - \$60 plus wooden trophy and tree for school. Callaghan Innovation: Most innovative exhibit with commercial potential - 2nd prize, \$300. Environment Canterbury: for the entry which best demonstrates ways to maintain or improve the region's environment - Junior 1st prize, \$300. Year 7 Technology, sponsored by Kiwanis - 1st prize, \$150. Best in Fair Prize, sponsored by NIWA - 2nd in Technology, \$500. This child went on to win the Ecan Wrybill Trophy
  - **Making Environmental Connections** - SAANZ (Sociological Association of Aotearoa New Zealand) Y7-8 First prize \$50. Lincoln University Best exhibit in Ecology, Agriculture, Horticulture, Environmental Science and Animal Science. Y7-8 Third prize \$50
  - **Stop the Soil Erosion** - University of Canterbury, Biological Sciences :University of Canterbury, School of Biological Sciences Award For Research Excellence \$50. Canterbury Section of The New Zealand Institute of Agricultural and Horticultural Science : Exhibit that best displays an aspect of agricultural or horticultural science \$150. Lincoln University: (Second Prize) For the best exhibits in the Ecology, Agriculture, Horticulture, Environmental Science and Animal Science \$100
  - **Stinky Fingers** - University of Otago - Health Sciences \$50
  - **Is your washing detergent harming the environment** - University of Canterbury Biological Sciences: University of Canterbury School of Biological Science award for Research Excellence \$50
  - **Chlorine ruining the taste of our tap water** - NZ Institute of Chemistry For excellence in Chemistry research year 7-8 \$100
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**AIMS Games** – New Zealand Association for Intermediate and Middle Schools Games (AIMS Games) – Cobham sends the biggest team from the South Island with around 65 – 70 students competing each year. Over the last five years Cobham has consistently been the best performing South Island Intermediate school. In 2018, Cobham received 8 medals in Swimming, placed in the top five for Rock Climbing and Hockey, and also placed in the top ten for Boys Basketball. In 2017 we were placed 12th overall with 1 cup (Tennis), 3 Golds (Tennis and Cross Country), 3 Silvers (Boys Hockey and Tennis) and 1 bronze (Tennis). Cobham won the National Boys Hockey Championship at AIMS Games in 2012, 2013 and 2014. The girls team won the National Championship in 2015 and won bronze in 2016.

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**Music** - Cobham consistently provides significant numbers to the Christchurch Schools' Music Festival elite representative groups. In 2018, 30 students were selected for the Symphony Orchestra, Concert Band and Senior Representative Choir.

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**Show Quest** - In order to allow students to let their creativity, dance and drama abilities shine, we offer the opportunity to be a part of Show Quest, a new performing arts competition for New Zealand schools. Students are entered into a regional competition where they compete against a range of primary and secondary schools on stage at the Town Hall. Other dance opportunities offered at Cobham include a national Jump Jam competition, and a regional hip hop and aerobics competition. Cobham continues to have great success in all of the above competitions each year.





## EXTRA CURRICULAR@C

We have shared with you many of the opportunities on offer outside of the traditional classroom at Cobham. We encourage students to make the most of their time with us and explore, discover and put themselves forward for new activities to enable any new talents and passions to be discovered.

During their time at Cobham students will participate in sailing, skiing, camp at Glentui in Year 7 and other styles of camps in Year 8.

It is important we engage, motivate and inspire our students and allow them to have a voice in our school.

We have a range of leadership opportunities for students. These include a head and two deputy head girls and boys, 24 house captains (four for each house) hauora leaders, cultural leaders and tech leaders. Our leadership programmes enable us to foster and grow leadership, and provide an opportunity for development in their areas of responsibility or interest. In addition to the above we have a student council led by the six head and deputy head students. These six also work with the principal on developing their leadership skills and work on school and community projects.





## ENROLMENT DETAILS@C

Cobham Intermediate School has an enrolment scheme to limit the roll and prevent overcrowding. Students who live within our enrolment zone are entitled to enrol at our school. If you live outside our enrolment zone, you are able to apply for enrolment. The number of places available for these students will be determined by the number of both in-zone and out-of-zone enrolments. Should the number of applications exceed the number of places available, a supervised ballot will be held with the following priority groups being allocated places in order until the available places are filled.

1. Siblings of current students.
2. Siblings of former students.
3. Children of former students.
4. Children of board employees or children of members of the board of the school.
5. All other applicants.

**We request that all in and out of zone enrolments be submitted to us by FRIDAY 30 AUGUST.**

For full details of this process, including a copy of our enrolment zone, dates and timelines please either visit our website or contact our team in the office.

Full details regarding class placements, entrance testing, uniform, key dates, stationery and other associated information will be provided on confirmation of enrolment.

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### AT COBHAM INTERMEDIATE YOU WILL EXPERIENCE:

- Passionate teachers who are committed to the education of emerging adolescents.
- Excellence.
- A strong values based education.
- A culture of care and support.
- Numerous academic, sporting and cultural opportunities.
- An education that prepares students for high school and beyond.





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