

20 May 2020



GREATER
SHEPPARTON
SECONDARY
COLLEGE

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We are looking forward to welcoming students back to resume learning onsite. While there is great excitement and anticipation for our students returning to school, there are a number of carefully considered operational matters that are important to ensure a safe return. These details are outlined below and are aimed to ensure, as best as possible, the health, safety and wellbeing of all staff and students.

Return dates

Date	Details
Monday 25 May	Staff Return Student Free Day
Tuesday 26 May	Year 11 and 12 Students Return and Year 10 undertaking VCE studies for VCE classes where practicable
Monday 8 June	Queen's Birthday Public Holiday
Tuesday 9 June	Year 7-10 Students Return All students back onsite

On-site learning

Monday 25 May is a pupil-free day at Greater Shepparton Secondary College and at public schools across Victoria. There will be no provision for onsite learning on this day at GSSC campuses.

VCE and VCAL students

VCE and VCAL students (and Year 10 undertaking VCE studies for VCE classes where practicable) are onsite from 26 May. Year 10 students studying Unit 1 Outdoor Education and Year 10 students studying Industry and Enterprise will not be required to study onsite; they will continue to do these subjects remotely. Year 10 fast-trackers will be expected to stay onsite for the day.

Year 11 and 12 students will be expected to stay onsite for study sessions and VCAL students with permission will be able to go home, as per normal.

Year 7 to 10 Students

Year 7 to 10 students will be returning on Tuesday 9 June. There will continue to be provision for Years 7 to 10 students who have applied and been approved for onsite learning until their return to school.

Please note that these approved students should attend their usual campus from May 26. For example if you are a Year 7 student who has been approved for onsite learning next week, you will return to your McGuire campus.

Parents and carers of Years 7 to 10 students are reminded they must continue to register in advance **each week** to access on-site learning until June 9. This is in line with strict protocols introduced by the Department of Education and Training for public schools across Victoria.

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Application forms are available on Compass and our website.

Remember, all Years 7 to 10 students who **can** study from home **must** study from home until school resumes for these year levels on June 9. DET advises that all students in the year levels returning to onsite schooling are expected to attend school and that schools are not expected to provide remote learning where parents elect to keep these students at home.

Uniform

From Tuesday 26 May ALL students will be expected to return to school in their full uniform. Uniform shops are open and have uniform in stock. For families who haven't spent the whole amount of the uniform voucher, the expiry date has been extended and any remaining funds can be used.

Student Illness

Parents will be asked to keep unwell children home. If staff are concerned that a child may be unwell, the student will be sent to Sick Bay and have their temperature taken. Parents will be asked to collect them immediately if their temperature is high.

Parents are encouraged to discuss and emphasise the importance of personal hygiene, handwashing and social distancing with their children.

Classes will resume but mass gatherings including assemblies, sport carnivals, house events, offsite camps and excursions and other activities involving travel or large numbers of students remain on hold.

Parents and guardians on campus

In order to minimise additional movement and numbers on campus, parents and guardians are asked to not enter the Mooroopna, McGuire and Wanganui campuses when dropping off or picking up students. Please remain in your car and wait for child to come to you.

Bus transport

Minor adjustments are now in place as our GSSC students return to school from 26 May (Year 11 and Year 12) and 9 June (Years 7 to 10). We ask families to familiarise themselves with the new timetables in preparation for the return to normal, on-site schooling. Morning services on **School Town Special Buses** will be five minutes earlier than Term 1 times and afternoon services will be five minutes later than Term 1 times. Please note this five-minute earlier morning pick-up and five-minute later afternoon drop-off **also applies to the School Bus Program. There is no change to bus routes and pick-up/drop-off locations.**

These minor adjustments ensure all students have adequate time to get to class in the morning and depart for home in the afternoon. They reflect our commitment to review and improve transport services for students, where necessary, following Term 1. We appreciate your co-operation and rely on parents and carers to be aware of transport arrangements for their child.

All GSSC students continue to receive free travel during the transition to the new single-campus college.

To access new timetables and other transport information, including help in planning your journey, go to www.gssc.vic.edu.au

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Student Requirements

All students who have a laptop are required to bring the laptop and charger, pencil case and equipment to school each day. Students who have been loaned a school laptop may continue to borrow it for the short term. Return dates will be advised later.

Students will be required to bring a full water bottle to school. Drink fountains will not be in operation. Students will be given opportunities to safely refill their water bottle during the day.

Canteens

McGuire and Wanganui canteens will be open from 26 May and the Mooroopna Canteen will open from Tuesday 9 June. The canteens will operate as normal with measures such as Perspex shields being put in place.

Hygiene

- Extra deep cleaning will be provided by the school cleaners. This involves progressive cleaning with commercial grade disinfectant throughout the day to ensure that risks of transmission are reduced for high-touch services.
- Hand washing with soap is the recommended method of hand hygiene. Soap will be provided in student bathrooms and hand sanitizer will be provided wherever this is not practical.
- When students enter the classroom, they will be required to sanitise their hands.
- Information posters relating to good hygiene practices will be displayed prominently across the school.

Just as with remote learning, resuming onsite learning will be a collaborative approach.

It may take some time for staff and students to re-adjust to learning at school, and adapt to the different rules that need to be followed to ensure everyone's health and wellbeing.

We will continue to develop and refine our plans over the coming days and weeks. It is also important to remember that we will continue to act on advice from the Victorian Chief Medical Officer and this may require us to modify and adapt our plans as the COVID-9 pandemic continues to evolve.

I have been incredibly proud of the way our entire school community has continued to support and encourage each other during these very difficult days.

I will continue to keep you updated as new information comes to hand. You may also wish to refer to the Department of Education and Training's [Frequently Asked Questions](#) concerning return-to-school arrangements for state schools.

Yours sincerely,



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