

June 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

RE: School uniform



It has been wonderful to welcome back our Greater Shepparton Secondary College (GSSC) students to on-site learning.

In late May, our Year 11 and 12 students returned after six weeks away and last week, our teachers and support staff were pleased to have our younger students back in their respective campus classrooms after almost two months of remote learning.

Having all students able to safely return to their regular school routine before the end of Term 2 allows our teachers to assess student progress and ensure they are back on track with their studies.

May I again extend our thanks to the tremendous efforts made by our students, their families and carers in this most challenging of times.

When students finished Term 1 on 24 March, the weather was of course milder than it is now. While our school dress code policy allows students to wear summer, winter or a combination of both uniforms, we all need to appreciate our return to on-site learning is taking place in winter and families need to adjust for the colder conditions.

Therefore, I wish to remind parents and carers of aspects of the Student Dress Code Policy that may assist in ensuring students are warm when travelling to and from school or otherwise outdoors:

- The uniform includes long pants and long skirt options;
- Students may wear a plain white, long-sleeved top under uniform items;
- Black tights may also be worn under winter skirts and summer dresses;
- Long pants and soft-shell jackets are available in all sizes at the three Shepparton retail stores stocking Greater Shepparton Secondary School uniforms.

**For more detail, please refer to the [Student Dress Code Policy](#)*

Black tights and white long-sleeved tops are available at local stores at a modest cost.

The GSSC jumper is not available in all shops yet but will be by the start of next term. However, we remind parents and carers that it is not unusual for any school, at any time, to experience a shortage in a particular uniform item.

With respect to uniform costs, we are extremely grateful for the \$200 Victorian Government voucher provided to parents and carers to supply them with Greater Shepparton Secondary College uniform items at the start of Term 1. Any unspent funds can continue be used at your nominated uniform shop.

I am also grateful to my own staff for assisting in identifying families who may require financial assistance to ensure our students are both warm and able to abide by our dress code.

We can assist any family in applying for [State School Relief](#). Please contact your Learning Mentor should you require this assistance and we will provide the application support and advice you need.

Finally, may I thank parents and carers for understanding and adhering to our dress code. We are building community pride in our new school and the teal, charcoal, white and orange highlights are important to our GSSC students now and into the future.

Sincerely,



Genevieve Simson
Executive Principal

