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Dear Year 7 Families,

Re: Transitioning to Greater Shepparton SC

Welcome to Greater Shepparton Secondary College (GSSC) on the eve of our transition to a new, modern campus – the first new public secondary school in our city for many decades.



GSSC won't officially open its doors until Term 1 of 2022 but transitioning to the new campus has already begun for our incoming Year 7 students. Our aim is to ensure our students are comfortable and familiar with their House, their Neighbourhood, their teachers and classmates well before their first day of class.

To this end, all Greater Shepparton primary schools are hosting an online visit from GSSC leaders in Term 4 to provide key information, answer student questions and complete a virtual tour of the new college.

Tuesday, 7 December is **State-Wide Transition Day** for primary students across Victoria. Incoming GSSC students will spend the day with their allocated Home Group, meet the key staff who will support them in Year 7 and enjoy a very focused transition experience. The focus will be on fun learning and will include tours of the new campus and its amazing facilities and learning spaces (if health guidelines permit).

You can find more transition information on our GSSC website, including: our [House and Neighbourhood Design](#); what a [typical day](#) at GSSC will be like; our [wellbeing support](#) for students; our [Team Around the Learner](#), and; how we determine [student support needs](#).

Our new school has state-of-the-art facilities set to impress and inspire our students. This is very exciting for all of us however we know transitioning to secondary school - and a brand-new school - is a big step, particularly for our youngest students.

We can tailor extra transition support for students, including family meetings to become more familiar with our support staff and the secondary school experience. If you feel your child would benefit from extra support in the transition to Year 7, please email our GSSC Wellbeing Transition Coordinator Kerrie Young: kerrie.young@education.vic.gov.au

We look forward to our Year 7s joining us on their journey through secondary school at GSSC.

Yours sincerely,

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