



## Greater Shepparton Secondary College

### 2023 Bus Travel Information

There are two bus programs utilised by Greater Shepparton Secondary College to transport students to and from school.

Please look at our website [www.gssc.vic.edu.au](http://www.gssc.vic.edu.au) to determine whether your child/ren is a School Bus Program traveller or a Public Transport traveller. Please note the maps that appear on the website refer to public transport travel.

#### SCHOOL BUS PROGRAM

The School Bus Program is an extensive bus network that provides travel at no cost to eligible government and non-government students living in rural and regional Victoria. Other students can still use the program but it is dependent on available space, application approval and payment of a fee if applicable.

Government secondary students in Shepparton who currently access the School Bus Program, along with those new to the program for whom Greater Shepparton Secondary College is their nearest government school, will continue to have access to free travel on school bus services in 2023.

Approved travellers will be allocated a bus (and transfer bus/es if required) and students are only permitted to travel on their allocated bus/es. Travel may be denied if attempting to travel on an incorrect bus and parents will be responsible for the transport of the student to or from school.

Students are required to abide by the Conditions of Travel set out in the application form and failure to observe these conditions may result in travel being cancelled or suspended (this can be applied indefinitely).

School Bus Program travellers are counted on and off the bus by the driver and therefore not required to carry a bus pass. However, some operators may issue their own bus passes for students to carry and show the driver when boarding.

The School Bus Coordinator does not provide bus passes for this program. Students who currently use this program **do not** need to reapply in 2023.

## PUBLIC TRANSPORT

The Conveyance Allowance Program provides travel assistance to eligible government and non-government students to assist with the cost of travel to school throughout rural and regional Victoria. Government secondary students who travel on public transport to Greater Shepparton Secondary College may have the cost of their public transport ticket covered by the Conveyance Allowance Program in 2023 (subject to approval, terms and conditions).

Please note that bus routes are set by The Department of Transport Victoria and cannot be altered. Your closest stop may still be up to 1.5km from your home address.

**A Bus Pass will be issued by either Dysons or Jacobson's Bus Company in early 2023 to approved travellers.**

Replacement Bus Passes can be obtained by contacting the appropriate company directly and paying the replacement fee. The replacement fee is set by the Bus Company. Travellers who are not approved for Conveyance Allowance can still access the public transport buses and pay a fare each way.

## HOW DO I APPLY?

Attached below are the links to **two application forms**, Permission to Travel Form 1; and Conveyance Allowance Form 3, both of which need to be completed, signed and returned.

**Permission to Travel Form 1:** <https://www.education.vic.gov.au/PAL/form-1-application-for-permission-to-travel-students.docx>

**Conveyance Allowance Form 3:** <https://www.education.vic.gov.au/PAL/conveyance-allowance-form-3-public-transport-travel.docx>

If you require bus transport for your child in 2023, both of the completed application forms must be submitted along with a **printed map from google maps** showing the distance from your home to Greater Shepparton Secondary College at 31-71 Hawdon Street Shepparton.

<https://goo.gl/maps/kxWfmRQHEeaRzxDA>

Please return the completed and signed bus travel application forms, with the printed map, to Greater Shepparton Secondary College or email [bus@gssc.vic.edu.au](mailto:bus@gssc.vic.edu.au) no later than **16th September 2022**.

## WHEN WILL I KNOW MY CHILD'S BUS ALLOCATION FOR 2023?

If your child is assigned to a School Bus Program service for travel in 2023 you will receive an email confirmation of your child's travel arrangements from the School Bus Coordinator. In order to ensure you receive travel details before the beginning of the 2023 school term please submit these forms no later than **16th September 2022**.

If your child has access to a public transport bus service for travel to Greater Shepparton Secondary College, the school will arrange to provide your child/ren with a bus pass in early 2023. The cost of this ticket may be covered by the Conveyance Allowance Program. Bus routes and timetables for public transport can be accessed via the Greater Shepparton Secondary College website at [www.gssc.vic.edu.au](http://www.gssc.vic.edu.au) (see Operations/Transport and Bus Routes).

## FOR MORE INFORMATION

For general information about the School Bus Program or Conveyance Allowance Program, refer to the Greater Shepparton Secondary College website or visit: [www.education.vic.gov.au/](http://www.education.vic.gov.au/)

(search 'Travelling to School') or contact the School Bus Coordinator on 5891 2000.