

SHEPPARTON EDUCATION PLAN

GREATER SHEPPARTON COLLEGE (INTERIM NAME) UPDATE

Welcome to Term 4. With only a few weeks before the end of the school year, now is an important time to provide you with an update on preparation for the merger of our four existing secondary schools into one.

Year 7 Curriculum

Literacy and Numeracy will be the focus of the Year 7 curriculum. Students will also study Humanities, Science, Languages other than English (LOTE), Physical Education, Arts and Technology subjects.

Each semester, Year 7s will have the opportunity to investigate real life applications through the integration of science and humanities via a new style of learning activity called 'Quest'. In this way of learning, a 'Quest' is a unit of study which integrates literacy learning with other areas of the curriculum.

Year 7s will be asked to nominate their preference of three languages to learn: Auslan (sign language), Japanese or Italian.

All students commencing Year 7 in 2020 will attend the McGuire Campus. McGuire Campus Principal, Mr John Sciacca, has been leading the transition activities for students moving from Year 6 to Year 7 at the new College.

A wide range of activities have been planned for Term 4 to ensure students and their families make the smoothest transition possible from primary to secondary school, including:

- Primary school students will have the opportunity to visit the McGuire Campus for a morning tea and to meet their new teachers.
- Specialist transition staff will visit local primary schools in late October and work with Grade 6 teachers to allocate students into their Year 7 classes and houses.
- Primary schools have flagged students who may need extra assistance and they will begin a range of activities commencing mid-November to make their transition into Year 7 as easy as possible.
- A series of morning teas at the McGuire campus in November, will allow parents and carers to meet with the Wellbeing staff of the new college. Specific dates will be communicated to families via primary schools in the coming weeks.
- As the term draws to a close, families, parents and carers are invited to attend the Year 6 into Year 7 information night at McGuire campus on 9 December 2019 7pm – 8pm.
- Our Year 7 students for next year will also participate in the state-wide transition day on Tuesday 10 December 2019 to assist with their orientation to secondary school.

"The goal of the transition is to support next year's Year 7 students to become leaders of the new College, beginning with building students' pride and confidence in their new environment and ultimately creating a strong school culture," Mr Sciacca said.

Other Year Levels

Our Teaching and Learning Team has completed a significant review of the Years 9-12 Curriculum, which will bring more subject selections and electives for students in these year levels. The Year 8 Curriculum will remain largely unchanged for 2020, although it will be revised during the year for a re-launch in 2021. For more information on the broader curriculum of Greater Shepparton College (interim name), visit the website: <https://www.greatersheppartoncollege.vic.edu.au/>

Construction of the new school

The contemporary new facilities of the school are designed to improve learning. The facilities will enable the school to offer students broader choices, new opportunities and better support. The building tender process has begun, with works scheduled to commence Term 1, 2020 at the existing Shepparton High School site. To see the designs for the college, explore the School Website: <https://www.greatersheppartoncollege.vic.edu.au/>

School Uniform

All students will start 2020 in a new school uniform. This is an important way for them to unite rather than feeling like they are all from different schools. The uniform is designed to be inclusive and trans-seasonal (worn at any time of the year). Students will receive a \$200 voucher which can be redeemed at selected local uniform suppliers for summer and sports uniforms. Additional or replacement uniform forms can be requested via email:

contactus@greatersheppartoncollege.vic.edu.au

Families may also be eligible to access State Schools Relief support for the purchase of other uniform items later in the year. Details about eligibility can be found at www.ssr.net.au.

Bus Travel

From the 2020 school year, free travel assistance will be provided to students who attend Greater Shepparton College (interim name). Bus timetables for 2020 are now being finalised, and will be communicated to families before the end of the 2019 school year. A Bus travel application form needs to be completed if you are seeking bus travel for your child. For more information please visit

www.greatersheppartoncollege.vic.edu.au/college-life/transport or email:

contactus@greatersheppartoncollege.vic.edu.au

Communication

One of the main ways in which the school will communicate with parents and carers in 2020 will be an on-line portal and learning management system called Compass. The system can be downloaded at no charge to mobile devices or tablets. The school will provide more information on Compass early in 2020.

Koorie Engagement Group

The Shepparton Education Plan is seeking a parent or carer to join the Koorie Engagement Group. The role of the group is to engage with the Koorie community about the Shepparton Education plan and provide feedback to the Department of Education and Training on issues like secondary school curriculum, Koorie support services and wellbeing and the design of the new school. For more information please contact Jacqueline Martyn, Acting Koorie Education Manager on Tel: 0455 052 686 or email: martyn.jacqueline.m@edumail.vic.gov.au

While there is still much to do between now and the end of term, we are very excited to provide a new direction in education which focuses on improved educational outcomes for our young people, with our students at the centre. They are, and will continue to be, our number one priority.

Regards,

Genevieve Simson

Executive Principal, Greater Shepparton College (interim name)

For all the latest updates on transition days, campus meet and greets and next steps, visit www.greatersheppartoncollege.vic.edu.au