

GREATER SHEPPARTON COLLEGE (INTERIM NAME)

Your four local secondary schools are merging from the start of 2020 to create Greater Shepparton College (interim name) to offer students:



more subject choice



more opportunities



more support

The vision:

Greater Shepparton College (interim name) will empower all students to learn and achieve. Students will experience high quality teaching and the best conditions for learning. Greater Shepparton College (interim name) will equip them with the knowledge and skills for lifelong learning and shaping the world around them.

The transition:

We're building a new campus on the current Shepparton High School site, but the new college starts next year across three existing school campuses. This brochure explains the next steps.

New Secondary School Model

	2019	2020	2021
MCGUIRE	7 8 9 10 11 12	7 8 10 11 12	7 8 11 12
MOOROOPNA	7 8 9 10 11 12	8 9 10	9
WANGANUI PARK	7 8 9 10 11 12	8 10 11 12	10 11 12
SHEPPARTON	7 8 9 10 11 12	<i>temporarily vacated</i>	

From 2020 (next year), a new secondary school model will be established as the first step toward a new school. This will involve:

- All Year 7 students will start at McGuire campus.
- All Shepparton High School students will move to Wanganui Park campus, except for Year 9s.
- All Year 9 students from McGuire College, Wanganui Park Secondary College, Shepparton High School & Mooroopna Secondary College will be at the Mooroopna campus.
- Mooroopna Secondary College's Year 11 and 12 students will move to either Wanganui Park campus or McGuire campus depending on their subject choices.
- All other students remain at their current school site.

We want to make sure every young person has a smooth transition to the new model. Please read the information below carefully.

McGuire College

will operate as a Year 7 – 12 school until the end of 2019.

In 2020, McGuire campus of Greater Shepparton College (interim name) will accept all Year 7 enrolments and continue to teach Years 8, 10, 11 and 12 students. Students moving into Year 9 will go to Mooroopna campus.

In 2021 McGuire campus will be a year 7, 8, 11, and 12 campus.

Wanganui Park Secondary College

will operate as a Year 7 – 12 school until the end of 2019.

In 2020, Wanganui Park campus of Greater Shepparton College (interim name) will continue to teach Year 8, 10, 11 and 12 students. Students moving into Year 9 will go to Mooroopna campus.

In 2021 Wanganui Park campus will be a Year 10, 11 and 12 campus.

Mooroopna Secondary College

will operate as a Year 7 – 12 school until the end of 2019.

In 2020, Mooroopna will become the home campus for all Year 9 students, with a specially designed learning program, while continuing to teach Years 8 and 10 students.

In 2021, Mooroopna will continue to be the home campus for Year 9 students. Students moving into Years 10 and 11 will go to Wanganui Park campus.

Shepparton High School

will operate as a Year 7 – 12 school until the end of 2019.

In 2020 and 2021, Shepparton High School will be temporarily vacated for building works. In 2020 Shepparton High School students will be housed at Wanganui Park campus, with the exception of Year 9 students who will go to the Mooroopna campus.

These are big changes that may bring some uncertainty for families. The creation of the new secondary school model is based on the need to improve educational outcomes for Greater Shepparton's young people.

Reform of this scale and importance will have logistical challenges. Principals and school leaders are working through these with the Education Department so that arrangements are in place for 2020.

Frequently asked questions

Why are you transitioning students across the three campuses in 2020?

- Having a larger number of senior secondary students at two campuses makes it possible to give them more subject choice and study options.
- Having all Year 7s at McGuire campus and all Year 9s at Mooroopna campus allows a specific curriculum to be designed for those students.
- Starting to bring students from the individual year levels together begins to create a cohesive school culture – preparing for the one school, one site model.
- All of the above will improve the educational outcomes for all students with a focus on high quality teaching and learning.

How are you supporting students and families with the transition?

The new school will provide transition programs for all current Year 6 students to assist them with their pathway to Year 7 next year.

They will also provide transition programs for students in other year levels who may require additional support during this change.

The new school will provide orientation programs for other students and staff who will move to a different campus next year.

What will happen about a school uniform?

The team creating Greater Shepparton College (interim name) are designing a new school uniform.

All students will be expected to wear the new school uniform from the start of 2020. This will help build a new school culture, and integrate students from different schools.

We will support families with some of the initial cost of a new uniform.

What are my transport options?

The Education Department are working through student bus requirements for 2020.

Students who need to travel more than 4.8km to their specified campus will be eligible for a bus allowance.

How will bullying and behaviour be managed, both at the school campuses and on the buses?

Bullying in any environment will not be tolerated, and will be dealt with by Greater Shepparton College following their bullying policy.

The school will implement school-wide positive behaviour strategies, and teach all students these expectations.

Will this model still offer accelerated programs, and programs to support my child if they are require additional support?

Greater Shepparton College (interim name) will offer extension and support programs in core subjects.

They will redesign and extend the Select Entry Accelerated Learning (SEAL) program to provide opportunities for a greater number of students, focusing on extending students in their areas of strength.

Specific programs will be developed for students who require additional support, to enable them to improve their literacy and numeracy skills.

How does the 'house model' support my child's wellbeing at school?

The school will implement the house model from the start of 2020 across the three campuses.

Teachers and students will be allocated to a house, so that all students are well known and supported.

Students will, in most instances, remain within their allocated house for the duration of their schooling, and all children from a family will be in the same house.

