

Partner Update

July 2019

Ganbina - Agents of Change

Sweeping education changes planned for Goulburn Valley

Ganbina steps up support for participants and families

Ganbina is stepping up its support for young Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and their families as they prepare for some of the most far-reaching changes in the Goulburn Valley education sector this century.

As part of the Victorian Government's \$21.5 M wider Shepparton Education Plan, all four major public secondary schools in the area will amalgamate into the new (interim name) Greater Shepparton College (GSC) in January next year. "The aim of the plan is to improve education outcomes for all students in the area by providing high quality teaching and the best conditions for students to create successful lives," said Ganbina CEO Anthony Cavanagh.

"This is a critically important time for many of our participants and their families, and we are doing everything in our power to make sure that their transition to the GSC is successful.

"We are therefore stepping up our support with more frequent individual contact, liaison and communication. We are also listening to the community's feedback and providing as much information to families as we can about the changeover. Our additional support will continue for the duration of the three year transition program to ensure that everyone can navigate the changes as smoothly as possible," he said.

Mr Cavanagh said that he and the Ganbina team were also working closely with all the schools involved, and with the Department of Education, to offer every assistance they could on the GSC project.

"We are committed to helping our participants settle in well to the new school, so that they can make the most of every educational opportunity open to them."



“We are doing everything in our power to ensure our participants transition smoothly to the new GSC model.”

Ganbina GM advocates for Indigenous students

The General Manager of Ganbina's Shepparton office, Larissa Falla, is an active member of the GSC's Koori Engagement Group, a consultative body set up to advise the Department of Education on the particular needs of Indigenous students.

"As the General Manager of Ganbina Shepparton, and also as a mother of children who will be impacted by the GSC changes, I am working hard to ensure that the needs of our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students are acknowledged and catered for in terms of the new curriculum, well-being supports and infrastructure in general," she said.

"I am also making sure that any concerns or suggestions our participants or their families may have are raised with the Group as we move towards the new GSC model."

For the latest GSC developments and updates, please visit: www.greatersheppartoncollege.vic.edu.au



GSC advantages

- ❖ An innovative and engaging curriculum with options tailored to individual needs.
- ❖ A new Tech School – a science, technology, engineering and mathematics centre linked with local industry.
- ❖ A health and well-being hub with student and community support services.
- ❖ State-of-the-art recreational and sporting facilities.
- ❖ Dedicated music rooms and drama, art and craft spaces.
- ❖ An inclusive environment with wrap around student support through the House model.
- ❖ A wide variety of extra-curricular activities including cultural clubs, school camps, summer programs, and lunchtime activities.
- ❖ Centre of Excellence for professional learning.

GSC timeline

January 2020

Four major public secondary schools - McGuire College, Mooroopna Secondary College, Shepparton High School and Wanganui Park Secondary School – amalgamate to form the Greater Shepparton College (GSC).

GSC starts operating out of the four former school campuses with an estimated 2,700-3,000 students.

2020-2021

Former Shepparton High School campus closes for construction of the new GSC campus.

2022

All GSC students move to new GSC campus.

New GSC campus comprises three 'Neighbourhoods'. Each Neighbourhood is made up of three 'Houses.' Each House comprises 300 students, 50 from each Year level (Years 7-12).

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