



# SHEPPARTON EDUCATION PLAN

SECONDARY EDUCATION  
**COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT REPORT**  
December 2017

**The Victorian Government is developing a long-term plan to transform education in Shepparton and Mooroopna.**

The first stage of the Shepparton Education Plan is focusing on secondary education and will provide every student with more options and opportunities to improve educational outcomes. It will guide our young people as they transition through each stage of their education, equip teachers with additional training and resources, and improve school facilities.

# COMMUNITY FEEDBACK

Our first step towards writing the plan was to talk to you, the local community.

In June 2017, we asked you what are the key challenges facing young people in Shepparton and Mooroopna, and how can we improve education outcomes.

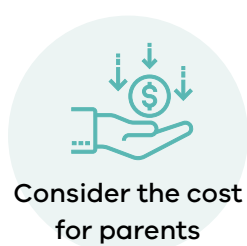
We heard there is a need for real change, especially at the secondary school level.

From your feedback, we developed transformational options for change and in September and October 2017 we asked for your feedback. Over four weeks we hosted a series of pop-up information sessions, community workshops and an online survey. We heard from more than 300 people, and analysed almost 2,000 individual comments. This factsheet provides a summary of what we heard from the community.

To learn about the proposed options for secondary education, visit [www.engage.vic.gov.au/SheppartonEducationPlan](http://www.engage.vic.gov.au/SheppartonEducationPlan) and select the 'Phase 2: Secondary schools' tab.

## KEY THEMES

We heard the community wants change to:



# PROPOSED SECONDARY OPTIONS

The proposed options for local secondary schools apply to:

- Shepparton High School
- Wanganui Park Secondary College
- Mooroopna Secondary College
- McGuire College

**Option 1:** No change to the four schools

**Option 2:** Minor improvements to the four schools

**Option 3:** One new school,  
one secondary campus

**Option 4:** One new school,  
two secondary campuses

## YOUR FEEDBACK

Below is a high level summary of the key themes we heard in relation to each option.

A detailed report is available. Visit [www.engage.vic.gov.au/SheppartonEducationPlan](http://www.engage.vic.gov.au/SheppartonEducationPlan) and select the 'Phase 2: What We Heard' tab.

| Your feedback     | 1. No change  | 2. Improvements – four schools  | 3. One school, one campus   | 4. Once school, two campuses   |
|-------------------|---|---|---|--|
| <b>Benefits</b>   | Keep school history, identity, culture and proximity  | Keep school history, identity, culture and proximity<br><br>Investment in school buildings  | Deliver the required change – greater subject choice, pathways and new facilities<br><br>Health and wellbeing support through House model<br><br>Bring the community together – shared goals and identity<br><br>Collaborative efficient school for all | Improved subject choice, pathways and new facilities<br><br>Manage student numbers<br><br>Two campuses – flexibility and proximity |
| <b>Challenges</b> | Will not deliver required change<br><br>Continuing competition and inequity between schools | Will not deliver required change<br><br>Continuing competition and inequity between schools | Students numbers on one site<br><br>Location and transport  | Continuing community divide and inequity – competition between campuses<br><br>Travel between campuses                             |

# SURVEY RESPONSES

More than 140 people completed the online survey.

Respondents were to rate each option against seven project objectives.

| Objective   | Option 1:<br>No change | Option 2:<br>Minor improvements | Option 3:<br>One school,<br>one secondary campus | Option 4:<br>One school,<br>two secondary campuses |
|---|------------------------|---------------------------------|--|--|
| A) Improve academic performance   | ★★                     | ★★★                             | ★★★★★  | ★★★★★  |
| B) Keep young people engaged in learning                                    | ★★                     | ★★★                             | ★★★★★  | ★★★★★  |
| C) Improve student wellbeing  | ★★                     | ★★★                             | ★★★★   | ★★★★★  |
| D) Address individual needs of students                                     | ★★                     | ★★★                             | ★★★★★  | ★★★★★  |
| E) Share information and resources between schools                          | ★★                     | ★★★                             | ★★★★★  | ★★★★★  |
| F) Improve pathways after school - further learning, training or employment | ★★                     | ★★                              | ★★★★★  | ★★★★★  |
| G) Ensure Shepparton schools are of a high quality                          | ★★                     | ★★★                             | ★★★★★  | ★★★★★  |
| <b>Total average rating per option</b>                                      | ★★                     | ★★★                             | ★★★★★  | ★★★★★  |
| <b>Total average score</b>  | <b>1.59</b>            | <b>1.92</b>                     | <b>3.53</b>                                      | <b>3.29</b>  |

**Option 3 (one school, one campus) received the highest overall rating.**

It also received the highest rating to 'improve academic performance', 'address individual needs of students', and 'share information and resources between schools'.

Option 3 and Option 4 rated equally on the four other project objectives.

## RECOMMENDED OPTION

Your feedback was provided to the Advisory Committee, which is made up of local educators and community leaders.

The Advisory Committee considered your feedback, along with advice from a dedicated education working group and education experts. After deliberation, the Advisory Committee has recommended Option 3 to the Minister of Education – merging of the four local public secondary schools into one new school, on one campus.

For more information visit

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