

## Why join the staff at GVGS?

There are many compelling reasons to consider joining the GVGS staff. Ours is a school where student learning is the focus. It is a professionally stimulating environment where staff strive for the highest levels of service and professionalism and where our students and families are committed to learning.

Our students are motivated and focussed and keen to be challenged. Our teachers concentrate on improving student learning growth through their professional performance. In short GVGS is a wonderful environment in which to work for both our teachers and operational staff. Our motto says it all, *Semper Ulterius* (Always Further).

The following provides some information regarding the School's culture.

### School Profile

Goulburn Valley Grammar School is a learning community where the focus is on student learning, achievement, and wellbeing. At the same time, the School places a priority on being a caring and respectful community where each student is recognised for their individual worth. There is a positive community culture and rich co-curricular programme, which aims to nurture the development of well-rounded young people.

Summary School information:

- Co-educational, open entry and non-denominational school
- Situated on a 17-hectare site six kilometres north of central Shepparton
- Enrolment capacity of 700 students
- Typical enrolment:
  - Years 5 to 6, 50 students per year level
  - Years 7 to 12, 100 students per year level
- Employs approximately 70 teaching staff and 35 operational staff
- In Years 5 to 10 the learning programme is founded on the Australian Curriculum
- In Years 11 to 12 students complete the Victorian Certificate of Education
- Well established, high quality facilities
- Beautifully maintained and landscaped grounds
- The School draws enrolments from across the Goulburn Valley and Northern Country Victoria including the areas surrounding Greater Shepparton, Seymour, Murchison, Nagambie, Euroa, Benalla, Yarrawonga, Cobram, Tocumwal, Echuca and Kyabram

### Our focus is the student

The School is a learning community where:

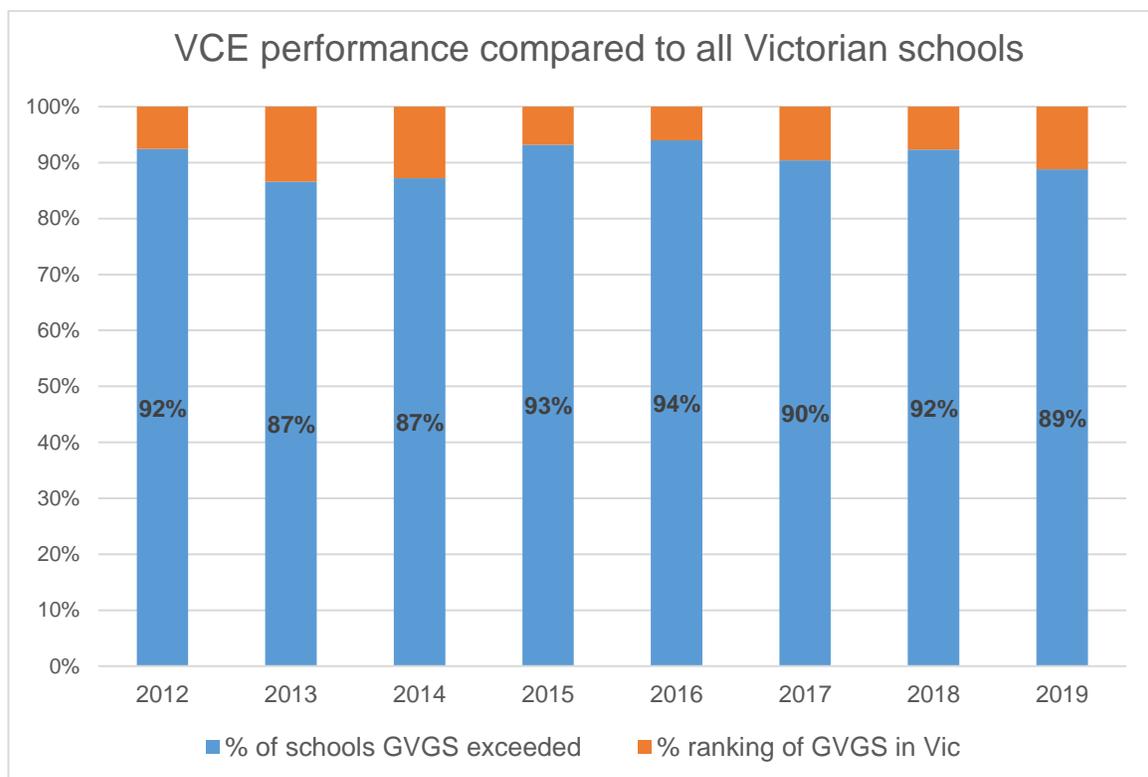
- we believe in the capacity of all students to learn and achieve personal academic success through challenge and high expectations
- there are positive relationships and a caring community based on mutual respect
- we promote a love of learning
- our staff are passionate about teaching and learning and committed to professional growth
- students and staff aspire to excellence and, when it is achieved, it is valued and celebrated
- our motto "*Semper Ulterius*" – 'Always Further' applies equally to students, staff and the School as a whole

## Learning focus

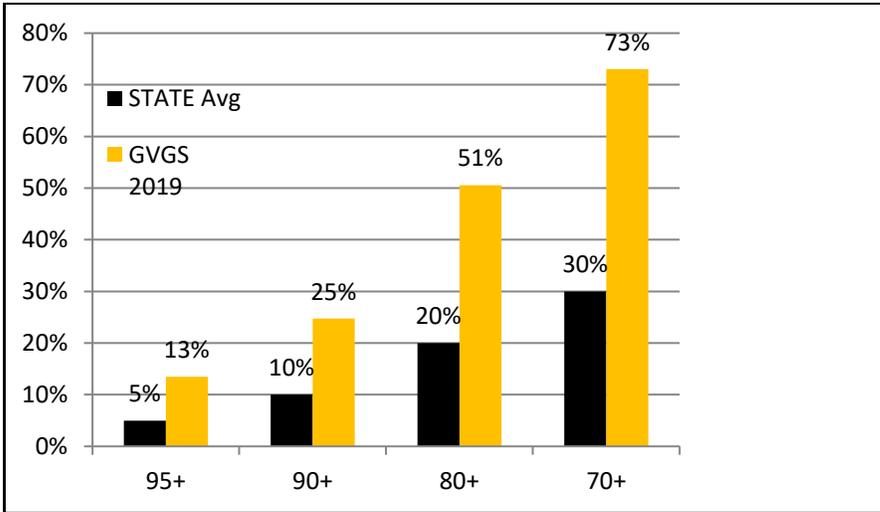
Since foundation, one of the School's core aims has been to create an environment, which promotes a love of learning and fosters the highest standards of academic achievement for all students. The school aims to nurture a learning community where students are challenged and where, through support and encouragement, they achieve the high expectations to which they aspire. Over the years our students have achieved strong results comparable to schools in Melbourne and among the strongest in regional Australia.

### Performance headlines - 2019

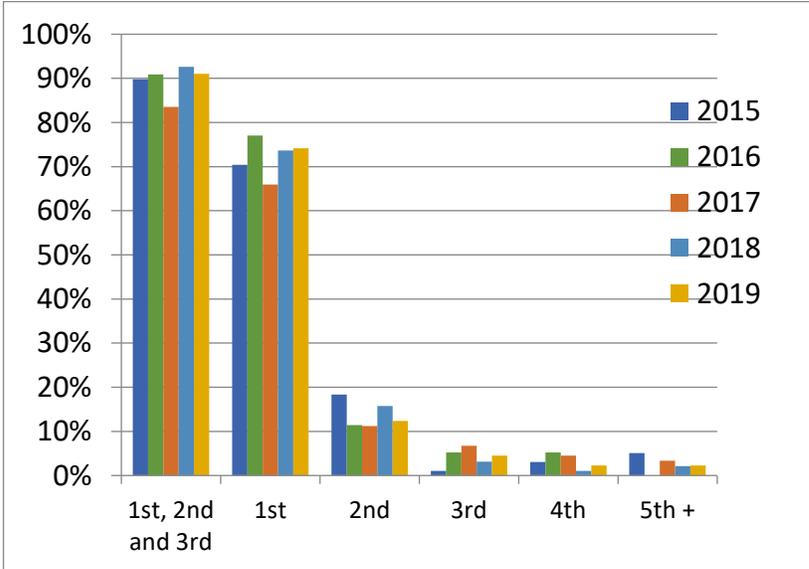
- GVGS students exceeded 89% of Victorian schools
- 2nd regional school in Victoria (out of 536)
- only one other regional school in the top 77 schools
- more than ½ students placed in top 20% of the state
- 73% students placed in top 30% of the state
- 91% students received a first-round tertiary offer that was either their 1st, 2nd or 3rd preference
- Students were given excellent level of opportunity to pursue their hearts desire – truly life changing.



**GVGS Class of 2019 VCE scores distribution of ATAR scores**



**GVGS Class of 2019 tertiary offers by preference**



The vast majority of students aspire to tertiary study. Over the last 5 years on average:

- 97% of students received a first-round tertiary offer
- 91% of students received a tertiary offer that was either their 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> preference

## Professional Environment

*"We have a school with abundant high-quality teaching; however as professionals, we have an ethical obligation to reflect on and improve the effectiveness of our teaching. This involves a commitment to an ongoing cycle of building professional knowledge, gathering feedback on practice and implementing appropriate strategies to improve effectiveness."*

Our school motto Semper Ulterius asks students to strive always further. This motto is equally relevant for our staff. We therefore have a professional commitment for all staff to continuous improvement in their professional performance.

Our school is a professionally rewarding and stimulating environment featuring extensive collaboration and professional learning. The school supports this aspiration through extensive and generous opportunities for professional learning both internally and externally.

## Terms and conditions of employment

GVGS strives to be an employer of choice. The school offers excellent terms and conditions of employment and is proactive in seeking ways to support the professional development, health and well-being of staff. The school remunerates staff with competitive salaries and allowances. The low staff turnover and long service of many staff is reflective of the positive nature of the school climate.

The School is well-established being in its 38<sup>th</sup> year. The School enjoys a strong and secure financial position due to prudent financial governance by the School Board, Finance Committee and Business Manager.

## Why live in the Goulburn Valley?

The region offers a wonderful quality of life. Compared to cities such as Melbourne there is minimal traffic and daily commute times can virtually be eliminated. A wide range of lifestyle accommodation is available with lower cost and transport times. Residents can choose from affordable options including inner city (walk to everything lifestyle), to rural retreats, hobby farms and modern housing estates.

Shepparton is located in the heart of Victoria.

- easily commute to work in 10 minutes or less!
- 2 hours drive from the Melbourne CBD
- public transport links to Melbourne
- 40 minutes to leading wineries and artisan food producers
- 45 minutes to Echuca
- 50 minutes to Cobram/Barooga sports clubs
- 2.5 hours to Mt Buller

Greater Shepparton in the heart of the Goulburn Valley is the fourth largest provincial centre in Victoria. Shepparton township is located at the confluence of the Goulburn and Broken Rivers and at the intersection of the Goulburn Valley and Midland Highways. The region has a diverse population, with 15.7% of residents born overseas.

### For more information:

<https://www.facebook.com/Discover-Shepparton-116536731714199/>

<https://www.facebook.com/GreaterShepparton>

## Food, Wine and Farmgate

The Goulburn Valley is the food bowl of Victoria and is proud of the wide range of local food and wine producers. Many are award winning and reflect the regions distinctive productive climate and soils. <http://www.visitshepparton.com.au>

## Lifestyle

The region boasts excellent lifestyle opportunities with outstanding sporting facilities and competitions including netball, football, tennis, hockey, soccer, golf, triathlon, cycling, swimming, rowing, cricket and basketball.

For an extensive listing of recreation opportunities in the region see:

<http://greaterShepparton.com.au/community/recreation>

- Aquamoves – Aquamoves Shepparton is the place to go for fun and fitness, with indoor and outdoor pools, and a full range of fitness facilities and programs. <http://aquamoves.com.au/>
- Extensive shared bicycle/walking path network
- Shepparton Theatre Arts Group - <http://stagtheatre.com/>
- SPC KidsTown is a world-class children's adventure playground - <http://kidstown.org.au/>

Cost for sport, recreation, cafes and restaurants are also often significantly lower than in major cities e.g. Shepparton Golf Club membership \$1036p.a. (June 2020)

## The ARTs

### Shepparton Art Museum

The Shepparton Art Museum (affectionately known as SAM) is one of regional Australia's premier cultural institutions. SAM's public galleries feature its permanent collection along with a series of changing exhibitions. SAM also provides a wide range of education and public programs. Open 7 days, entry into SAM is free!

### Riverlinks

Arts, Entertainment, Conventions and Exhibitions—<http://www.riverlinksvenues.com.au/>  
Riverlinks is the home of performing arts and entertainment in Greater Shepparton. With an extensive calendar of performances programmed for both the Eastbank Centre in Shepparton and WestSide Performing Arts Centre in Mooroopna, Riverlinks has the reputation for delivering one of the best arts and entertainment programs in regional Australia. Comedy, dance, music, theatre and family entertainment. Drop in, grab a coffee or a light meal and discover a world of entertainment in the heart of the Shepparton CBD.

### SheppARTon Festival

SheppARTon Festival has been successfully staged in March each year and is regarded as a major calendar event within regional Victoria.

The diverse program achieves a balance between the innovative and the mainstream in a way that was calculated to appeal to a wide audience. There is an emphasis on mixing community created arts with professionally produced and performed work.

Make sure you put plenty of time aside to take in the delights of the SheppARTon Festival.

<http://www.sheppartonfestival.org.au>

## Aboriginal Heritage

The Yorta Yorta are the Traditional Owners of a unique stretch of country now known as the Murray Goulburn region of northern Victoria and southern NSW. It includes towns such as Echuca, Shepparton, Wangaratta, Benalla, Yarrawonga and Tocumwal. At its heart is the Murray River.

The name Yorta Yorta comes from the traditional language spoken by all Aboriginal Traditional Owner clans across the region. The Yorta Yorta Nation is inclusive of all clans and family groups. These include the Kaitheban, Wollithiga, Moira, Ulupna, Bangerang, Kwat Kwat, Yalaba Yalaba and Ngurai-illiam-wurrung.

Shepparton has Victoria's second largest Aboriginal community after Melbourne, making up approximately 10% of the city's population.

## Diversity

Shepparton has a large immigrant community, with people from places such as England, Scotland, Wales, India, Albania, Afghanistan, Iraq, Greece, Italy, Sudan and Macedonia as well as many other places. Shepparton has Churches, Mosques and a Sikh Gurdwara. As the city has a large and diverse mix of people from different cultures, and faith backgrounds the community benefits from this mix with a wide range of food and festivals in the area.

## Cost of Living

The cost of living in the Goulburn Valley is considerably lower than in Melbourne. A recent graduate was able to purchase a new 3 BR home after only a few years of employment.

**Median property prices** (Price data last updated 17.09.20)

Renting (Median per Week)	Shepparton	Brunswick	Buying (Median prices)	Shepparton	Brunswick
<b>Units</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>Units</b>	<b>\$ 000</b>	<b>\$ 000</b>
<b>Median</b>	250	425	<b>Median</b>	250,000	540,000
<b>1 BR</b>	180	360	<b>1 BR</b>	-	390,000
<b>2 BR</b>	248	470	<b>2 BR</b>	232,000	579,000
<b>3 BR</b>	340	680	<b>3 BR</b>	320,000	649,500
<b>Houses</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>Houses</b>	<b>\$ 000</b>	<b>\$ 000</b>
<b>Median</b>	320	600	<b>Median</b>	284,000	1,112,500
<b>2 BR</b>	270	545	<b>2 BR</b>	200,000	1,000,000
<b>3 BR</b>	315	665	<b>3 BR</b>	265,000	1,156,000
<b>4 BR</b>	380	895	<b>4 BR</b>	397,000	1,325,000

Source: <https://www.realestate.com.au/neighbourhoods/shepparton-3630-vic>

There are many more options in the outskirts and in neighboring towns including lifestyle properties on large allotments with acreage.

## **Health Care**

Goulburn Valley Health provides a range of high quality services for people of all ages and diverse health needs – from services for Women and Children to Aged Care, Mental Health, Cancer and Wellness Services, Community Services, Dental, Dialysis, Drug and Alcohol Services, Emergency Department, Medical and Surgical Care.

The hospital is currently undergoing a \$229 million redevelopment to expand and further improve emergency care.

Shepparton Private Hospital is a 69-bed private surgical and medical hospital owned and operated by Australia's largest private hospital operators, Ramsay Health Care. The hospital provides medical, surgical, endoscopic, oncology, mental health, and rehabilitation care. Shepparton Private Hospital is considered one of the finest private hospitals in rural Victoria.

## **Universities**

### **University of Melbourne**

The Shepparton Rural Clinical School (RCS) is a University of Melbourne Rural Clinical school affiliated with Goulburn Valley Health and is located adjacent to the hospital. Students studying the Doctor of Medicine (MD) are allocated to a clinical school for the final 3 years of their course.

### **LaTrobe University**

– Shepparton Campus

Undergraduate programmes include:

Aboriginal studies, Accounting, Arts, Business, English, Exercise Science, Health Promotion, History, Human Resource Management, Marketing, Nursing, Occupational Therapy, Paramedicine, Philosophy, Physiotherapy, Podiatry, Politics, Psychology, Sociology, Speech Pathology

## **TAFE**

GOTAFE is the largest vocational education provider in regional Victoria. Offering over 130 courses across nine campuses, GOTAFE services 11 local government areas with an estimated resident population of over 240,000 people. We service more than 9,000 students per year on average.

<https://www.gotafe.vic.edu.au/campuses/shepparton-fryers-street>

## **For more information on living in the Goulburn Valley:**

<http://greatershepparton.com.au/region/moving-here>