



# MOUNT GAMBIER HIGH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Welcome back everyone. Term 3 is always a very busy time of the year with a major focus on students choosing subjects and course counselling in readiness for 2022. Unfortunately, we still find ourselves following the ever-changing demands and uncertainty that COVID-19 brings, but at the same time, find immense comfort in the fact that our school community adapts extremely well in this changing climate.

### COVID-19 Lockdown

As mentioned earlier, the great start to term 3 was affected by the 7-day COVID-19 Lockdown. Fortunately, the resilience and adaptability of our school community has shone through once again with staff, students and parents/caregivers embracing the online learning format. In particular, given one day to prepare during the Pupil Free Day held last Wednesday, our staff did an amazing job to convert learning formats to online presentation or supply personalised USB digital copies of student work for pickup. Over the past week I have been highly impressed by student attendance and interaction via Daymap and other online formats.

Coming out of Lockdown, our resilience and adaptability were tested once again with the announcement that all year 8 to 12 students, including staff members were required to wear facemasks. Once again the Mount Gambier High School community have risen to this challenge and embraced SA Health advice. On Wednesday, the first day out of lockdown, our site recorded a 97% safety compliance to wearing face masks. Staff and students carefully adhered to all requirements of this restriction while onsite. I do ask all students who catch buses to and from school to wear their masks on the bus for the health and safety of everyone.

To all parents/caregivers I thank you for your cooperation, collaboration and support throughout the lockdown period, coming out of lockdown and the wearing of face masks.

### Staffing Updates

As most of the school community would know by now, I have extended my role as principal until the end of term 3 to allow panel process time to select a suitable principal to lead our school from term 4. I look forward to working with and leading Mount Gambier High School throughout this term and supporting a seamless transition for the new principal.

We welcome Kathryn Sutton, Junior School Assistant Principal and Natalie Piscioneri, HASS Coordinator to the Leadership Team for the remainder of the year. I would also like to welcome Skye Biddle as teacher of English and Workplace Practices. Congratulations also goes to Taylor Miles who has won a leadership position in special education at our Regional Office for the next 12 months. We are currently seeking a special education teacher for "The Place" and will have updates in the near future.

## Upcoming Events

**SACE Parent Info Night**  
7pm Tuesday 10 August  
**Student Free Day**  
Friday 13 August  
**Year 10 Work Experience**  
Monday 16 to Friday 20 August  
**Science Week**  
Monday 16 to Friday 20 August

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## FROM THE PRINCIPAL (continued)

### Glossop Exchange

I was very fortunate to attend the Glossop Exchange in Bordertown at the end of last term. In its second year as a modified program, where both schools compete in sporting and debating competitions, I found the exchange to be highly competitive, played in great spirit and cooperation. As principal of Mount Gambier High School I was extremely proud of the way our students represented our school and themselves, and even more excited when they won the Sporting Cup!

I would like to congratulate and thank all staff and parents/caregivers who were involved in some way in this highly successful event, with particular mention to Abbey Duncan, Specialist Sports Coordinator, for her outstanding oversight of the exchange.

### Pupil Free Days

Our next Pupil Free Day will be held on Friday 13 August, week 4. With the transition of Year 7s to High School next year our staff will use this day to:

- Connect, communicate and collaborate with surrounding Primary Schools with a focus to better understand the needs and aspirations of our new student cohorts
- Further develop curriculum resources and learning opportunities suited to these students
- Continue actioning strategic planning for Year 7s to High School in readiness for the beginning of next year.

### Capital Works Program

Over the last month we have seen increased building construction activity at the front and rear of our site. The Flexible Learning Centre, also housing PE classrooms at the front of our school has dramatically increased in size as the roof trusses have been installed and further work is in progress. Meanwhile, the Middle School classrooms facing the southern oval are nearing completion with final fit outs in progress.

### 2022 Timetable and Course Counselling

Since the beginning of this year significant strategic planning for improvement has been actioned. A Timetable Re-structure Team, led by Josh Praolini, Entrepreneurial Learning Assistant Principal, with 13 staff representatives from all areas of the school, have re-designed a six line timetable structure for 2022 that supports:

- Improved learning opportunities for all students

through increased classroom time with teachers

- Improved lesson change-over structures that increase efficiencies of the school
- Improved teaching loads in line with increased demands expected of our teachers and addressing wellbeing needs
- Future collaboration of classes with Grant High School under a similar timetable structure
- Middle Schooling pedagogy and practice.

Subject Selection for 2022 will be done online by all students. Information explaining the whole process will be communicated out to the school community over the next few weeks.

I look forward to working with everyone this term with our ongoing zoned focus to the continuous improvement of Mount Gambier High School.



*Peter McLaren*

**Peter McLaren**  
Principal

 **White Ribbon**  
Australia School

## DANCE SHOWCASE

Our much anticipated Dance Showcase has been postponed due to the South Australian Lockdown. We have managed to secure a new booking date with the Sir Robert Helpmann Theatre for Wednesday 25 August. All current ticket purchases will be honoured, however if you can no longer make the performance, please contact Country Arts SA to discuss refund options.

Trish Jenkins | Teacher



## 2021 GLOSSOP EXCHANGE

The Annual Glossop High School Exchange commenced in 1947 and is the longest running public schools exchange in Australia, with 2021 being the 76th year our two schools have come together to compete for the honours of the Debating Shield and Sporting Cup. This year was the second year in a row that the Modified Glossop Exchange took place. Due to the current COVID-19 restrictions and our ever-changing environment, the usual four day format of the exchange with students being billeted out to host families had to once again be reconsidered.

Prior to the start of the sporting competition, we saw the two schools challenge each other for the Debating Shield. The debate was conducted again through an online platform, with the topic of 'Covid-19 is the worst disease to be seen by humanity' fiercely debated. Mount Gambier High School was the negative team, while Glossop argued the affirmative and successfully retained the Debating Shield for another year following a tight contest. Well done to Josh Kain who was awarded best speaker for the debate.

Meeting on mutual grounds in Bordertown, the exchange saw a range of sports contested, including Boys and Girls Soccer, Boys and Girls Basketball, Division A and B Netball, and Boys Football. All matches were played in great spirit and the competition was extremely tight throughout the day. In particular, the Girls Soccer match went to a penalty shootout for a second year in a row, with Glossop High School being victorious, and the boys' Basketball match ended with Mount Gambier High School taking the win in a nail-biting finish. In a tremendously close day of results, Mount Gambier High School was successful in winning the Sporting Cup, with 5 matches to 2 for the third year in a row.

Competitive sport offers students a range of skills and throughout the exchange, modified or not, we see students taking real pride in being a representative for their school and thriving in the competitive environment. I was fortunate enough to be able to participate in the Glossop Exchange when I attended Mount Gambier High School as a student and now being involved as a staff member, it makes that experience even more special. All staff and students involved have a common purpose, to play in their respective sports in the hopes of being successful and ultimately to come home with the cup. However, the lifelong friendships and connections that you are able to create through this exchange is what I believe is one of the biggest assets that this experience offers.

The modified exchange was highly successful yet again and we thank the Bordertown community for allowing us to use their facilities, and help with the organisation process. We are hopeful of recommencing the annual exchange in its pre-COVID format next year, with our students billeted into the homes of students and their families. 2022 will also mark the first in a new competition against Glossop, as they will now be known as Berri Regional Secondary College, which provides us with an opportunity to further develop this wonderful, historic competition and experience.

Thanks to our HPE Trainee, Riley Buckingham for taking photos on the day (page 4).

Abbey Duncan | Special Sports Coordinator











## FLINDERS ROADSHOW & STEM EVENTS

Over the 29 and 30 June Flinders University delivered a range of hands-on, interactive study area workshops on site at Mount Gambier High School to over 350 year 9 and 10 students from schools across the Limestone Coast. The two full day programs saw students rotate through workshops showcasing a range of disciplines including; Sport, Creative Arts, Medical Professions, Health, Engineering, Mathematics, Science, Law, Business and Arts with Flinders academic staff, students and alumni engaging the next generation through demonstrations, challenges and practical activities.

The sessions were designed to light the spark of interest in education and careers, with a particular focus on STEM for regional students plagued by the 'You can't be what you can't see' dilemma. A 'Robots on Mars' session run by Dr Sherry Randhawa saw students program and navigate robots through a maze on Mars. Dr Hayden Tronnolone led students through creating and breaking encoded messages, Dr Masha Smallhorn focused on lab-based crime investigation through simulated blood testing and Associate Professor Stewart Walker explored advances in food production and distribution, supporting students in an environmental forensic investigation of stolen food.

Participating schools in the 2021 Flinders Roadshow Limestone Coast and STEM Showcase included: Mount Gambier High School as host, Grant High School, St Martins Lutheran College, Naracoorte High School, Kangaroo Inn Area School, Penola High School and Millicent High School.

A third day on 1 July provided a Teacher Professional Development opportunity where secondary teachers from schools surrounding Mount Gambier had the opportunity to work closely with four teaching specialists from the Flinders University College of Science and Engineering, on increasing student engagement in STEM. Through the day they were provided with information on the enigma of disengagement from STEM, a deep dive on overcoming this through inquiry-based learning environments and the opportunity to explore their own teaching practice through the lens of student-led, inquiry based teacher practice.

On behalf of Flinders University we would like to thank the Mount Gambier High School Community for their support and assistance across the program. We look forward to providing further opportunities like this for students and teachers in the Limestone Coast.

Callena Rawlings | Regional Manager | eNvision Limestone Coast Flinders University | New Venture Institute



## MGHS SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Mount Gambier High School would like to thank the generous sponsors and organisations for their continued support of our Scholarship Program. The scholarships allow students to access a range of financial, community or school based resources and are greatly appreciated by the recipients.

Squashbrook Fitness & Leisure Scholarship - Luke King, presented by Simon Brook

Joe Hannagan Memorial Woodwind Scholarship - Bella Shaughnessy

UFS Academic Scholarship - Emily Nieuwerkerk, presented by John Williamson

Max Megaw Mount Gambier Rotary Club Memorial Sporting Scholarship - Sarah Dally, presented by Steve Phillips

District Council of Grant Academic Scholarship - Josh Kain, presented by Mayor Richard Sage

Mount Gambier High School Banner Mitre 10 Building Trades Scholarship - Thomas Bellinger, presented by Peter Larcombe

MGHS Canteen Graphic Calculator Scholarship: Luca Hart, Keenan Dwyer, Oscar Miller and Zeb Perkovic

Carol Shepherd | Junior School Wellbeing Leader







## SUSTAINABILITY BOSS

On the last day of term 2 the year 8 students participated in their Sustainability Boss Idea Expo. The expo was an opportunity for the students to share their ideas for social change, over four weeks in English, Math and HASS. Students worked through the design thinking process to create social enterprises to help contribute to the UN Sustainability Development Goals.

Our idea expo started with guest presenters Dylan McQueen, ScRoll Queen, Jordanna Miles, the brains behind Grandpa Thief, an upcycle business and Carole Gordon founder of Bin Shift. Our students had some fantastic ideas from dog collars made from recycled rope, recycling glass bottles into sand, colouring books with recycled seed paper, a boat engine that combats ocean pollution and an app for reporting animal neglect. The students presented their ideas to a range of judges from our community. All students should be very proud of the effort they put in over the duration of Sustainability Boss project. Congratulations to the following award winners:

**Research Award:** Team Zap with Incentivising the recycling of plastic – Anna, Phoenix, Stella and Zarah

**Pitch and Presentation Award:** Team Easy Eats, creating a cookbook with healthy recipes that uses cheap ingredients - Kade, Cooper, Emerson and Aaron.

**Collaboration Award:** The Wonder Squad created 'Stamply' a student voice website - Rylan, Ryan, Jarrod, Nathan O and Nathan P.

**Business Planning Award:** The Lucky Hats for creating bucket hats out of recycled materials/clothes - Mia, Thalia, Tillie and Summer

**Marketing Marvels Award:** Bonney Accessories with ocean jewelry for gender equality - Lilly, Mia, Imogen and Mackenzie.

**Most Innovative Solution Award:** Team NED, Gocycled that made dog collars out of recycled rope - Nicole, Maddox and Ilesha.

Kathryn Sutton | HASS Coordinator



## QKR! NOW AVAILABLE FOR CANTEEN ORDERS

Mount Gambier High School is pleased to announce the introduction of Qkr! Qkr! by Mastercard is a secure and easy way to order and pay for school items from your phone at any time and place that suits you.

We already have Qkr! up and running for school fee payments and we are excited to be transitioning our canteen menu to Qkr! from the start of term 3.

Please refer to the Qkr! Flyer in our last newsletter or on our Facebook page for instructions on downloading and registering for the Qkr! app.

### Important notes for canteen orders

The cut off period for school canteen orders is prior to 9.00am on the day you wish to order. Any orders received at or after 9.00am will not be processed for that day and will prompt you to select another day to order. Orders will be ready for collection at the canteen from 1.10pm. Please be aware that lunch orders made through the Qkr! app will not be refunded or reissued if the order is not collected by the end of the lunch break.

### Qkr! Handy Hints:

- Please ensure the Student Profile in the Qkr! App created for ordering is your child's name (not the parent name) and includes their current year level.
- Please carefully check the day/date of the order when using the Qkr! App, as well as the details of all orders before proceeding to the checkout.

We hope that this service makes the lives of busy families easier at Mount Gambier High School.

Jaime Newell | Principal's Secretary

## RECONCILIATION & NAIDOC MURAL

As part of Reconciliation and NAIDOC Week celebrations, Mount Gambier High School Youth Worker, Sally Work and First Nation artist, Belinda Bonney worked with Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal students to design and paint a mural on the outside of our Wellbeing Centre. The project ran for six weeks and was funded by a grant from the Stand Like Stone Foundation.

Belinda Bonney named the mural 'Yarnbala' which means 'Together' in her Bunganditj language. The painting represents strong hands working together on a journey of inspiration, guidance and unity. The colours in each corner represent the Mount Gambier High School house teams that students are a part of during their high school journey; Black - Tower, Blue - Lake, Red - Mount and Yellow - Gambier. As young people face new experiences, successes and challenges it is important to work together and celebrate team spirit. This extends to all aspects of school life. "Working together keeps us strong!"

Students involved in the project were Kye Vandepeer, Venus Wilson, Crystal Noble Taylor Okley, Jye McLoughlin, MJ O'Leary, Summer Rose, Priyah Young, Kohdy Gunn and Ilesha Chisolm. Other students stopped in lunch breaks to observe, lend-a-hand or compliment the team.

Thank you to Sally Work for initiating and managing this project and in the words of one of the students involved, "There is nothing more deadly than sharing our art for everyone to enjoy!"

Carol Shepherd | Junior School Wellbeing Leader/AET

Sally Work | Youth Worker





## ITALIAN CAMP IMMERSION PROGRAM

For our language students it is important to explore how their learning of languages can connect to career pathways. In week 9 of last term, students had the opportunity to explore their personal strengths, interests and possible career plans by participating in a three-day immersion program in Adelaide that included a range of activities presented by different members of the Italian community.

Among the many activities of the program the students visited several successful Italian businesses and engaged in a range of opportunities to explore possible careers. These included:

- Participating in a tour of the Central Market followed by a cooking class with well-known chef Rosa Matto
- A presentation from a truly entrepreneurial business, Nonna's Cucina, an organisation that provides meals for the Italian ageing population
- Engaged with employers from Quinzi confectionery and Gelato Bello
- Participated in a bocce lesson with State Champion, Jack Eugenio, which brought out the competitive nature in everyone.

With the Course Counselling process for 2022 subject selections commencing this term, the students were able to access information on Tourism, Event Management and Hospitality courses from lecturers from TAFE SA. Some students were also able to identify possible pathways and school subjects that will help them to gain entry into their VET courses in the future.

Eluisa Crispino | Vocational Pathways Coordinator





# MOUNT GAMBIER HIGH SCHOOL

## *New Uniform Policy*



From the start of 2022 Mount Gambier High School will have a new uniform. Governing Council have approved a Uniform Policy that will replace the current Dress Code policy. All new students to Mount Gambier High School will be required to wear the exclusively supplied Lowes uniform from the start of 2022. Existing students will have a two year period up until the beginning of 2024 to phase out their existing uniform items. Jeans will no longer be a part of the uniform policy from the start of 2022. A copy of the new Uniform Policy has been attached to this newsletter for your reference.

We anticipate the Lowes uniform to be available for purchase through the Mount Gambier store prior to the end of the year. Further communication about this will be shared in the future.

Suze Ricketts | Deputy Principal



## IAN PERRY PLATING WORKSHOP

Food and Hospitality teachers from the Limestone Coast attended a Plating Workshop at Mount Gambier TAFE on 1 July. Chef, Ian Perry shared his knowledge and skills with educators from Millicent, Naracoorte and Penola, resulting in improved teacher knowledge and on trend plating techniques.

Emma Wainwright | Teacher



## SACE PARENT INFORMATION NIGHT

### *Rescheduled*

In respect of our previous correspondence regarding the Senior School Parent Information Evening, we regret that due to COVID 19 restrictions, we have had to reschedule this session and will now be holding it on Tuesday 10 August (Week 4) at 7.00pm, depending on restrictions at that time.

Please continue to register your interest in attending through the Google form emailed out recently including any questions you may like answered by Friday 6 August. For those who have already registered and are now unable to attend on the re-scheduled date, please email [dl.0784.info@schools.sa.edu.au](mailto:dl.0784.info@schools.sa.edu.au) to advise you can no longer attend. We thank you for your continued support and flexibility during this time.

We will continue to update you as and when further information becomes available.

## PRINCIPAL'S

### *Award*

Congratulations to Lydia Megaw who was recently presented with a Principal's Award





## TERM 3 SPORTS CALENDAR

ACTIVITY	DATE
SSSA Open Boys Football – Round Finals	Week 1 – Wednesday 21 July Postponed
SSSA Open Boys & Girls Basketball – Round 1	Week 2 – Monday 26 July Postponed
SSSA Year 8/9, 10 & Open Girls Netball – Round 1	Week 3 – Tuesday 3 August
SSSA Year 8/9 Boys Soccer – Round 1	Week 3 – Wednesday 4 August
SSSA Open Boys & Girls Basketball – Finals	Week 4 – Thursday 12 August
SSSA 8/9, 10 & Open Girls Netball - Finals	Week 6 – Tuesday 24 August
SEZ Year 8, 9 Division B Netball	Week 7 – Wednesday 1 September
SSSA Year 8/9 Boys Soccer Finals	Week 9 – Friday 17 September

Please Note: Dates are subject to change.

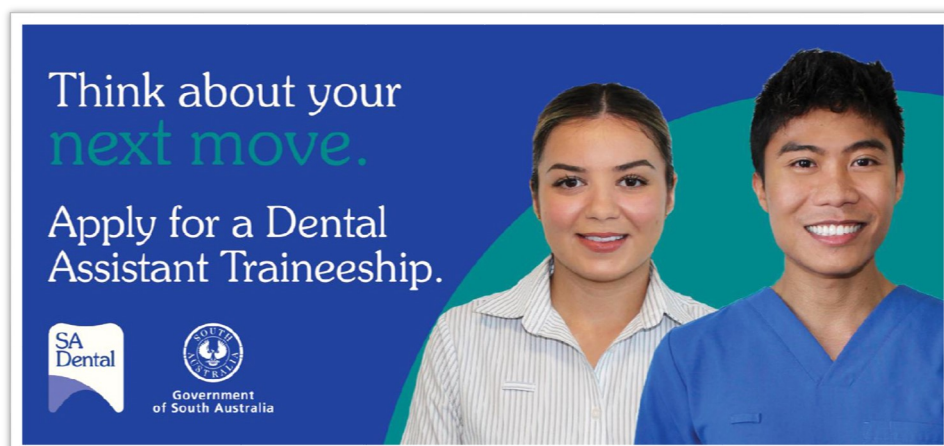
Students wishing to nominate for teams must do so via the online nomination form.

*SEZ: South East Zone*

*SSSA: School Sport South Australia*

## DENTAL ASSISTANT TRAINEESHIPS

SA Dental is offering up to 30 Dental Assisting Traineeship positions at clinics across the State. The 12-month Traineeship contract includes on the job training and attendance at TAFE where you will gain a Certificate 3 in Dental Assisting while earning \$19,312 - \$40,130 a year. If you are 17 - 24 years of age (or up to 30 years if Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander) and have finished year 11, you may qualify for a Traineeship. Applications open 27/08/2021 - 19/09/2021 for the February 2022 intake. For more information on the Dental Assistant Traineeship please visit: [www.sahealthcareers.com.au](http://www.sahealthcareers.com.au) (Search Job No: 758854 at this website from 27 August - 19 September 2021 to apply.).



## Uniform Policy

### School Context

Mount Gambier High School (MGHS) is a proud public school: we are a comprehensive, coeducational, multicultural year 7 to 12 school in South Australia's largest regional city and are part of the Blue Lake Partnership. Our school has approximately 750 students. Our school is committed to providing relevant and individualised learning programs for students, aligned with both the expectations of the Australian Curriculum and Entrepreneurial thinking to achieve academic success. Our Mission, Vision and Values reflect a commitment to global understandings, entrepreneurial mindedness and intercultural understandings to create a rich learning environment.

### School Vision

Mount Gambier High School students practise skills and gain confidence to successfully face the challenges of an ever-changing world in an environment that values a sense of learning, innovation and agile thinking.

### Mission Statement

Our staff are purposeful, engaging and inclusive. Our students participate with effort and pride and our community celebrates diversity and thrives on collaboration.

### School Values

**Learning:** being part of a safe, supportive environment where we learn and work, and where positive relationships foster the opportunity to be heard and valued.

**Belonging:** through innovation, collaboration and curiosity, meaningful connections are made between the learning and the world around us.

**Responsibility:** for actions, for learning and for the impact this has on self and others.

### Purpose

All students wear full school uniform. It promotes pride in presentation, supports equity principles and allows staff to provide care to students who are immediately recognisable as Mount Gambier High School students. This decision has been ratified by the Governing Council.

### Preface

Mount Gambier High School uniforms are provided by Lowes Australia and are available for purchase through the Mount Gambier store (located in the Marketplace shopping centre). Lowes Australia offer a number of incentives to both parents/caregivers and the school including:

- As a family-owned business, Lowes is part of a small, but elite group of companies, which have been in business for 120 years and still 100% Australian owned.
- Scholarship Initiative: BSB30415 Certificate III in Business Administration. Each year, one scholarship will be awarded to every secondary school to which Lowes is the official school wear supplier with a value of up to \$3,300. The Scholarship would be taken up once the student has completed their final year 12 exams
- Four 20% off days per year; this includes school uniform items
- Lowes ZERO CARD; 5% discount on every purchase, 5% in Rewards Points, take home layby (with monthly repayments managed by Lowes)
- School receives 5% of annual net sales (ex. GST).



All members of the school community work in partnership to support students in the wearing of the school uniform.

A student shall wear the full and correct school uniform when on school grounds, travelling to and from the school and at all school organised activities unless informed otherwise by the staff member(s) responsible for the activity.

Parents and caregivers are encouraged to contact the school if provision of uniform causes financial hardship. For cultural and medical exemptions that apply to any part of the uniform, please refer to the section within the policy titled "Exemptions to Aspects of the Uniform Policy".

## School Colours

The school colours are navy, gold and white.

## Mount Gambier High School Uniform

Item	Details
Polo	Lowes Australia MGHS Navy Blue Polo
Soft Shell Jacket	Lowes Australia MGHS Navy Blue Soft Shell Jacket
Track Pants	Lowes Australia MGHS Navy Blue Track Pants
Sports Leggings	Lowes Australia MGHS Navy Blue Sports Leggings
Summer Dress	Lowes Australia MGHS Plaid Dress (no shorter than mid-thigh length)
Hoodie (full zip and standard)	Lowes Australia MGHS Navy Blue Hoodie 1 or Hoodie 2
Chino Pants	Lowes Australia MGHS Navy Blue Chinos
Shorts	Lowes Australia MGHS Navy Blue Shorts
Woolblend Jumper	Lowes Australia MGHS Navy Blue Woolblend Jumper
Winter Skirt	Lowes Australia MGHS Tartan Skirt (no shorter than mid-thigh length)
Senior Rugby Top	Lowes Australia MGHS Navy Rugby Top (senior students only)
Cap	Lowes Australia MGHS Navy Blue Cap

Please note that students whose families have previously purchased uniforms prior to 2022 will be able to wear them until the beginning of 2024.

## Senior Students (Year 11 and 12)

Senior students are permitted to wear the Senior Rugby top supplied by Lowes Australia, which has been approved by the Governing Council. The Rugby top is woolblend, navy blue with white and gold horizontal stripes and screen printed with 'Seniors' across the back shoulders. In year 12, students will be able to add their name and year to their Senior Rugby Top.

## **Jewellery and Make up**

- Discrete jewellery that ensures the personal safety of our students is acceptable.
- Hair dyed an unnatural colour is discouraged as we are preparing students for professional expectations.
- Discrete make up and nail polish are acceptable.

## **Protective Clothing**

We provide a safe learning environment in line with the safety guidelines specified by the Department for Education, Department of Industry and the Work Health Safety Act. Guidelines regarding clothing, footwear and eye protection are explained to students attending practical courses.

Mount Gambier High School acknowledges that excessive exposure to the sun can cause irreparable and potentially life threatening damage to the skin, eyes and other bodily tissues. For this reason Mount Gambier High School has included a hat in the school uniform.

Students are encouraged to wear the school uniform hat when outdoors and in particular when participating in outdoor sports for PE and School Sport. Sunscreen will be made available to students by their Health and Physical Education (HPE) teacher and students are encouraged to wear it throughout the day.

Within buildings, hats are to be removed.

## **Request for change to the School Uniform**

Any request to change the school uniform, including the way in which it is worn by students, must be made in writing to the Principal of Mount Gambier High School or the Chairperson of the Uniform Committee, or by tabling proposed changes at a meeting of the Uniform Committee. The request will be discussed by the Uniform Committee and if justified, tabled at the Governing Council meeting. If the Governing Council also consider the request to be justified, then consultation will be undertaken by the Uniform Committee with all parties affected by the change, such as students, parents/caregivers, staff of the school and external authorities or bodies. Once the consultation process is complete the Uniform Committee will advise the Governing Council of its deliberations concerning the request. If the Governing Council is satisfied with the advice of the Uniform Committee, it will make a decision on the request. If a change is approved, the Governing Council will advise the school community in writing and endeavour to provide at least six months' notice of an intention to change the uniform. If the request is denied, the Governing Council will advise the petitioner in writing of the decision.

## **Exemptions to aspects of the Uniform Policy**

The Principal may exempt a student from aspects of the uniform policy upon receipt of a written request from the parent or caregiver. The Principal will give due consideration to the request for an exemption. In making the decision, the Principal will have due regard for issues of culture and ethnicity, religion, financial hardship, genuine medical circumstances and/or other additional circumstances that the Governing Council may determine from time to time.

If the decision is not to grant an exemption, the parent will be advised in writing of the decision. If the parent remains dissatisfied with the decision, they should seek clarification from the Principal.

## **Exceptions to wearing the school uniform**

### **Sports Day**

Students participating in Sports Day are permitted to wear:

- a sun safe house colour T-Shirt or Polo Top that has short or long sleeves
- house coloured accessories

House colours are Red (Mount), Blue (Lake), Black (Tower) and Yellow (Gambier). Students will be advised which house they belong to soon after joining the school.

An acceptable standard of dress applies to Sports Day (that is, bare mid-ribs or revealing clothing is unacceptable).



### **Special Sports Programs**

Students are permitted to wear their allocated Special Sports Program uniform during Special Sports lessons and competitions.

### **Special Trip/Event Jumpers**

Jumpers purchased specifically for school related trips or events (Italy and Canberra trips, musical performances, pedal prix etc.) are able to be worn as part of the standard Mount Gambier High School uniform.

### **Non-compliance with the Mount Gambier High School Uniform Policy**

Non-compliance with the Mount Gambier High School Uniform Policy will be dealt with by the Principal or their nominee, and will involve strategies such as positive reinforcement, advice on responsible behaviour, provision of temporary clothing, private dialogue with the student and the parent(s)/caregiver(s) involved, verbal and/or written warning(s), physical exclusion zones, extra duties, detention, not participating in extracurricular activities.

<b>Status</b>	<b>Responsible</b>	<b>Reviewed by</b>	<b>Approval Date</b>	<b>Review Date</b>
Approved	Deputy Principal	Uniform Committee	21/6/2021	2024