



# MOUNT GAMBIER HIGH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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## Hello from Annette Ryan, 2022 MGHS Principal

Being Principal of Mount Gambier High School is an exciting opportunity. I'm looking forward to getting to know our school community and immersing myself in the Mount Gambier lifestyle.

As a teacher and school leader for many years, I know that a great education changes lives. It empowers young people to not only thrive in the world, but to make it a better place. My goal is to work with our fantastic staff and leadership team to build on and improve educational outcomes for our students. We do this through delivering high quality curriculum, teaching and learning. At the heart of this is a positive school culture that values excellence, achievement, success and improvement. The best decisions in schools are made when we collaborate, and this means working closely with students and parents in addition to our staff. By doing this, we have a shared understanding of the strengths, aspirations and needs of the community, and can effectively tailor our teaching and educational programs to deliver on the promise of a high-quality education for every student.

I've heard many great things about the school, the proud traditions and achievements, and innovation particularly in entrepreneurial education. I come into this role with enthusiasm and a commitment to working with the community so that we are indeed a great school where everyone flourishes. I can't wait to get started!

On a final note I would like to wish our entire school community a very Happy Christmas and enjoyable holiday break. I look forward to seeing you all in the new year.

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

### Staff Recognition

I would like to acknowledge all members of the school community for their commitment and contribution to what has been another successful school year. We thank the work of our permanent staff who are leaving this year and wish Scott Gunn, Nicolle Orr, Meg Spirat, Judith Kelly, Heather Katsaparos and Troy Esdale every success in their next endeavours. Matthew Cherry, Kate Redemski and Abbey Duncan are taking some time away from Mount Gambier High School during 2022, but we hope to see them back in 2023! We also thank our contract teachers and non-teaching staff for their work at our school this year.

### Governing Council

I would like to thank the Governing Council, including the sub committees, for their contribution throughout the year. Particular thanks to Hanna Persello and Chantel King for their role as Chairpersons of the Governing Council and Finance Committees and to our Secretary, Lauren Stafford for her work throughout the year. Governing Council is a fantastic opportunity for parents to be involved in the school and we would welcome any parents who would consider nominating in 2022.

## Upcoming Events

### Presentation & Performance Night @ Sir Robert Helpmann

Monday 6 December

### Student Reports Uploaded to Daymap

Wednesday 8 December

### End of Term Early Dismissal

2.20pm Friday 10 December

## Term 1 2022

### Beginning of Term 1

Monday 31 January

### School Photographs

Tuesday 8 and Wednesday 9 February

### Year 7/8 Parent

### Acquaintance Night

6pm Monday 14 February

### Governing Council AGM

7pm Monday 14 February

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## FROM THE PRINCIPAL (continued)

### White Ribbon

White Ribbon's message asks us to reflect on issues around respectful relationships and violence against women. We recognised this day last week through an event organised by two year 10 students, Skye Sanders and Thalia Reed. Students were able to tie ribbons to the front fence and have discussions about the significance of the day during class. Skye and Thalia approached the SRC with their idea to raise awareness for White Ribbon Day. The SRC was happy to support this and helped with organisation prior to the day. How lucky are we to have students who are proactive and support such fabulous initiatives?

I would like to thank all students and staff for supporting this initiative and their efforts to get the message out.



### Year 12 Formal

We recognise and value the significance of our Year 12 Graduation Formal as a way of celebrating the end of high school for our senior students. This is a wonderful opportunity for staff, parents and friends to reflect on this achievement as well as to wish our graduating cohort all the best for their future. Our final celebratory event for our year 12s was held on November 20 at the Barn Palais, where over 500 guests attended the Year 12 formal. Our year 12s looked amazing in their formal attire. We are enormously proud of the learning journey achieved by all of our graduates and those who have accepted work or apprenticeships throughout the year. We wish all our leaving students every success in the years to come.

### Transition - Year 7 and 8

Our Junior School team (JUSMAT), led by Kathryn Sutton have been very busy planning and preparing for our Year 7 and 8 Transition Program held this week at our school. We welcome 261 students into year 7 and 8 in 2022. Students currently in year 6 had their

transitions days on Monday and Tuesday, while students in year 7 had their transition days Wednesday and Thursday. We hope that this, along with information evenings and ongoing contact with families throughout the year, ensures children coming into our school in 2022 will feel welcomed and supported in their next stage of their formal education. Families are encouraged to contact Kathryn Sutton for further information if required.

### Christmas Holiday Break

On behalf of all staff here at Mount Gambier High School, I would like to thank students and families for their positive contribution to our school in 2021. We wish you a safe and enjoyable holiday break.

I would like to thank all students, staff and our families for their support this term and look forward to working with Annette Ryan during 2022.



*Suze Ricketts*  
Suze Ricketts  
Principal



## CANMASTER SMASH



Students enjoyed an entertaining workshop presented by Canmaster Smash, who uses recycled materials as drum and percussion instruments. What we think of as rubbish - buckets, metal scraps, old pots and pans - Canmaster Smash collects and turns into a crazy, jumbled-up drum set. As he performed to students, he demonstrated a range of styles from rock to

drum and bass and even techno, incorporating comedic elements by using a cordless drill to 'make the beat drop' and a 'trombone' made from PVC piping and a bollard. Students then had the opportunity to experiment with drumming on the rubbish themselves, playing Latin and rock beats as a group.

Thanks to his unique act promoting sustainability, Canmaster Smash travels the world busking and has filmed commercials for construction companies; his videos can be found on YouTube and Instagram.

Meg Spirat | Arts Coordinator





# *Year 12 Formal* Class of 2021





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## MGHS PARTNERS WITH LOCAL COMMUNITY GROUP

Many community groups are finding it increasingly difficult to get individuals to volunteer for committees, let alone finding help with producing newsletters. So, local South East Crows Supporters Group member and Senior School Assistant Principal, Samantha Brown hatched a plan to try and support the group.

Samantha approached Information Processing and Publishing (IPP) Teacher, Karen Henman with the idea of students from the IPP class taking on the role of producing the monthly newsletter. The Crows Supporters Committee were thrilled with the suggestion and the rest as they say is history.

Mandy Roberts, Committee Member stated "We were very grateful and thrilled with the offer from the Mount Gambier High School IPP teacher and students to produce our monthly newsletter as we have struggled for two seasons to get a newsletter officer. The first newsletter presented was well received".

This opportunity gave students a practical application and connection that allowed them not only to build their skills in publishing, but see their work being utilised by the community and all for a good cause.

The students Rhys, Ky, Seth and Mitchell (pictured below with Trevor Roberts, President) produced their first Crows Talk newsletter at the end of June and have continued to produce the monthly newsletter since, with the hope this can continue into 2022.

Samantha Brown | Senior School Assistant Principal



## IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER *Term 1, 2022*

Term 1 2022 begins on Monday 31 January. We anticipate to run a staggered start with selected cohorts to return on the Monday, followed by the remaining cohorts returning on Tuesday 1 February.

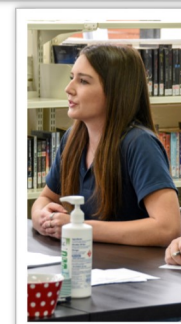
Further information about Term 1 2022 starting dates for your student will be communicated prior to the end of this term.

## PLP ROUND TABLES

On Friday 19 November our year 10 students, along with their Personal Learning Plan (PLP) teachers, parents/caregivers and various community members participated in the 2021 Round Table. The students' PLP studies, work experience involvement and weeks of reflection on their own strengths and areas for improvement culminated in round table discussions in the CLC. It was a chance for students to show how they developed their knowledge of the SACE capabilities and an opportunity to consider their thoughts about their future.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all our community members who generously offered their time to listen to the students present and offer questions and feedback. It was an excellent opportunity for the year 10s to experience being in an interview situation and we are very proud of their efforts in completing PLP this year.

Natalie Piscioneri | HASS Coordinator







## SUCCESS IN VOCATIONAL TRAINING

Mount Gambier High School has embarked on the new Flexible Industry Pathways which allows students to explore and immerse themselves in the world of work, creating more opportunities with local industry and businesses, resulting in an increased number of students successfully finding employment through School-Based Traineeships and Apprenticeships. Congratulations to the following students for their recent employment success through Vocational Training:

- Year 10 student, Skye Sander is undertaking a School-Based Traineeship, Certificate III in Commercial Cookery employed by Group Training Employment with host employer The Barn Steakhouse. Kent Comley, Manager The Barn, was very impressed with Skye's work ethic as a current part-time employee and had no hesitation in offering her a School-Based Traineeship. Thank you to Lincoln Hannett, GTE, Kelly Agnew, MEGT and Kent Comley, The Barn for supporting Skye with her career pathway.
- Year 10 student, Matthew Rogers had the opportunity to work with Group Training Employment completing a School-Based Traineeship in Certificate III in Brick Laying through Jensen Bricklaying. Once again this opportunity has come about through Matthew's determination in entering the world of work through previous Work Experience. Thank you to Damian Radley, GTE, Kelly Agnew MEGT and Steve Jensen, Jensen Bricklaying.
- Year 11 student, Hamish Golding has secured a full-time apprenticeship, Certificate III in Telecommunication technology employed by Group Training Employment through host employer Wilson Security. Hamish was fortunate to not only complete work experience with Wilson Security but following recommendation from his TAFE lecturer, Darren Waters, he also had the opportunity to take part in work trials, which has led to this apprenticeship. Thank you to Lincoln Hannett, GTE, Kelly Agnew MEGT Australia and Jamie Pohlner, Wilson Security.
- Year 12 student, Mark Arthurson has won an Electrical Apprenticeship with Timberlink Australia, beginning at the end of January 2022. Mark had the following things to say about his application experience, "With the help of Mrs Crispino I was fortunate enough to apply for an Electrical Apprenticeship with Timberlink Australia. Ben Stow, Timberlink Australia was in contact with me throughout the entire process that included an aptitude test, interview, and site tour. I am looking forward to beginning my career pathway with Timberlink Australia early next year".

Eluisa Crispino | Vocational Pathways Coordinator



## PE WEEK

Students and staff celebrated PE Week during week 5 this term. Several themes were introduced throughout the week, including: Movement Monday, Tokyo Tuesday, Wellbeing Wednesday, Target Thursday and Fundamental Friday etc. We saw many students involved in a variety of sports, from Ultimate Frisbee, Soccer, Social Walks, Lawn Bowls, Touch Football and Volleyball. The inclement/windy weather throughout the week did not stop students and staff participating in the Wednesday social walk, longest throw with a 6 kg Medicine Ball (well done to Tarkyn Leggett who threw over 8 metres) in the Quadrangle as well as the annual grudge match between staff and students in Netball (staff won). Thanks to Miss Kennedy who organised a fast paced 3 on 3 Basketball Competition at lunch on the Tuesday and Riley Buckingham our HPE Trainee who set us some hard and intriguing quiz questions to answer on all things PE during home groups. Congratulations to 11RE, 8PE and 11ST, our quiz winners for the week.

The competition was lively in all games/events and both staff and students entered into activities with spirited enthusiasm. Exercise is such an important factor in increasing self-esteem, managing health and learning new skills both physical and social. It was great to see so many happy, relaxed students out having a fun time during the week.

Jan Longbottom | HPE Coordinator



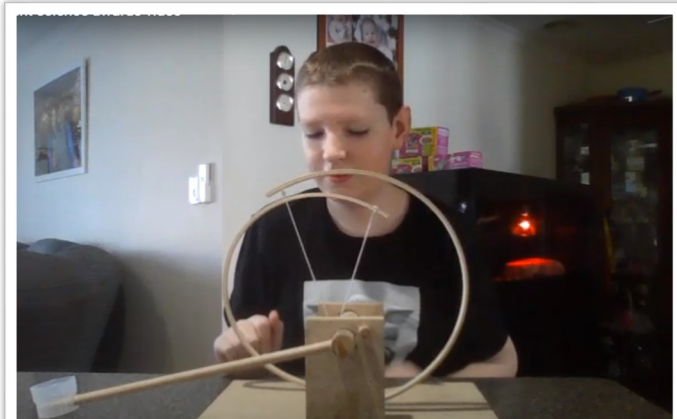
## OLIPHANT SCIENCE AWARDS

The Oliphant Science Awards is an annually held competition for South Australian school students from Reception to Year 12 to develop their interest in science through a science-based competition with a range of categories to suit a wide variety of abilities and interests.

Mount Gambier High School was again successful in winning a New and Country Schools incentive which covered the entry fees of those students who participated. This year we had three students choose to enter: Jake in the 7-8 Models and Inventions category, producing a catapult, report and accompanying video; along with Phoenix and Jamaica in the 9-10 Science Writing category, both choosing to write on the topic 'The World in 2050'.

Look out for details early next year if you would like to be involved in the 2022 competition.

Jamie Taylor | Science Teacher



## MGHS FRONT AND STUDENT OFFICE *Holiday opening hours*

Our school will be closed from 3pm Friday 17 December 2021 and will re-open at 8am Monday 24 January 2022.

On behalf of our Mount Gambier High School Administration team we would like to wish our school community a happy and safe Christmas break. See you in 2022!



## REFLECTING ON REMEMBRANCE DAY



On the 11th day of the 11th month, students and staff of Mount Gambier High School paused to remember the men and women who have served or are still serving in our defence forces, and remember those who have died or suffered in conflicts, wars and peacekeeping operations.

The day began with a whole school assembly where students had the opportunity to listen to special guests from the Mount Gambier RSL, including President Bob Sandow. On site we commemorated with a remembrance wall display in the Collaborative Learning Centre, contributed to by students and staff, followed by a minutes silence at 11am.

On behalf of our school community School Captains, Sarah Ritter and Keenan Dwyer, accompanied by Mr Roulstone, laid a wreath at the Remembrance Day Service at Vansittart Park and attended services at the Lakes Terrace Cemetery and Boer War Memorial.

We will Remember them.

Natalie Piscioneri | HASS Coordinator

## AUSTRALIAN MATHS COMPETITION

86 Mount Gambier High School students completed the Australian Mathematics Competition in August. Special congratulations goes to Oscar Miller in year 11 for the best performance in the school, being awarded a Certificate of High Distinction and Zeb Chant in year 10 who was awarded a Certificate of Distinction. There were also a further 21 students who achieved a Credit Certificate and 19 who achieved a Proficiency Certificate in years 8 to 12. An awesome effort by all!

Karen Henman | Maths Coordinator



## ECOSYSTEM EXTRAVAGANZA



Ms Blott and Miss Wighton recently accompanied year 9 students to a variety of significant ecosystems that form our unique region. They gained a deeper understanding of the importance of biodiversity, conservation and management of our land and water resources.

Vanessa and Damian from the Limestone Landscape Board coordinated the day which involved the following locations and activities:

Visit to Hells Hole - Environmental rehabilitation and our significant aquifer system.

Penambol Conservation Park- Native vegetation identification and impact of invasive species.

Piccaninnie Ponds - RAMSAR site, Bush tucker and water monitoring Macro-invertebrates.

This experience gave students the opportunity to understand our local environment and the importance to future sustainability.

Kerrin Blott | Science Teacher





## STUDENTS SUPPORT 4 REASONS WHY TO DELIVER CHRISTMAS CHEER

Local charity Four Reasons Why has a long history of helping Mount Gambier High School's families, from assisting students with the costs of sports and school camps to providing Christmas hampers and food vouchers during times of need. This year our Flexible Learning Options class wanted to give back to Four Reasons Why and help spread some Christmas cheer. With this in mind, a Christmas Kindness program was organised that would not only help local people in need, but also tie into the students' Community Studies subject. The Christmas Kindness program focused on students from Kalangadoo Primary School and Kindergarten, with community members dropping in presents personalised for each student as a special secret gift to open from Father Christmas on Christmas morning.

"We have had so much fun doing something meaningful that contributes to the community. It has given the students an opportunity to engage in meaningful hands on learning that has improved their literacy, and numeracy skills as well as improving their personal and social capability through increased organisational skills, increased confidence interacting within the community, and they have increased their self-worth knowing they can do something that will benefit others," said Karen Millington, FLO Coordinator.

"Our presents will give them a happy Christmas and help families who may have struggled to buy gifts for their children. The school were very keen to participate and the children are very excited about their gifts," said Lachlan Grant-Carter, Mount Gambier High School FLO student.

"It's a good thing that a lot of people have donated a lot of presents for kids in need. I'm glad that the kids will have a happy Christmas," said Shaylea Johnson, Mount Gambier High School student.

"I'd just like to thank everyone who was part of this from the school to the students, to the donors and to the families who let us help them spread some Christmas cheer," said Trudy Shelton, Four Reasons Why.



## INSPIRE YOUTH FORUM

Through her involvement in Rural Youth Ambassadors Program, Year 12 Student, Sarah Dally organised the first Mount Gambier High School Inspire Youth Forum. Working with Country Education Partnership's Phil and Julia, Sarah organised for 25 of our students to work collaboratively to highlight opportunities to continue to grow and develop opportunities for our young people. Students are excited to continue to work in 2022 on focus areas, including growing our wellbeing and student advocacy at the school.

Josh Praolini | Entrepreneurial Assistant Principal

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## HOLY CARP FISHING COMPETITION

On Friday 26 November approximately 100 students from the district braved the windy weather and took part in Holy Carp, which ran in its second year. Students came together to solve an environmental problem by fishing for as many European Carp in the Valley Lakes as possible. The competition was organised by students from Mount Gambier High School and included students from Kangaroo Inn Area School, Mount Gambier High School, Naracoorte High School and Tenison Woods College.

There were a total of three carp caught for the day with the overall champions and winners of the 'Shak Von Stanke Holy Carp Cup' being Naracoorte High School with two fish caught. A fun day was had by all!

Jess Magarey | Entrepreneurial Teacher



## GIRLS 9-A-SIDE FOOTBALL

On Tuesday 16 November Mount Gambier High School participated in the Girls 9-A-Side Football competition in Penola. This was the first time this competition had been held in Penola, with previous editions being hosted at Blue Lake Sports Park. This year's carnival included teams from Bordertown, Lucindale and Naracoorte which allowed the girls to play against students they don't necessarily know. The competition was strong and with some girls playing who have experienced competitive football before, our girls certainly faced a strong challenge. The 22 girls thoroughly enjoyed the day and are keen to get involved in school football in the future.

Thank you to Riley Buckingham, Sarah Dally, Keenan Dwyer, Jack O'Connor, Brad Cowling and Sarah Ritter who travelled with the teams and helped coach, field and goal umpire.

Kerran Wingard | Special Sports Coordinator





## STUDENT ARTWORK AND PHOTOGRAPHY ON DISPLAY IN PUBLIC HOSPITAL

Over the past two years, our Year 9 and 10 Visual Art and Photography students have been collaborating with the now closed Mount Gambier Private Hospital to produce framed pieces that could be displayed in the hospital hallways and patient rooms. Sandi Elliott, former Private Hospital CEO initiated the project, seeing a need in the hospital to help brighten and lift the spaces that patients regularly occupy and considered the talent and hard work that Mount Gambier High School students could contribute to this idea. Following consultation with the Private Hospital, Art Teacher, Heather Katsaparas developed concepts and visions for the students to work with and produce pieces (donated by the school) to display on the hospital walls.

Unfortunately, our initial plan fell through with the recent closing of the Private Hospital, however Sandi worked closely with the Public Hospital to ensure that the students' hard work and preparation did not go to waste. We are now pleased to announce that a selection of Art and Photography pieces will be displayed in the Public Hospital's front foyer from the beginning of next year (whilst COVID restrictions are still in place), with the hope of them being eventually mounted in a selection of hospital hallways and patient rooms once strict cleaning routines are reduced.

Amanda Lengyel | Public Relations Officer



## YEAR 6/7 TRANSITION DAYS

Over four days this week we welcomed 260 new students to our school as part of transition to high school. With year 7s coming to high school it was exciting to spend some time getting to know the year 6 students. We were able to explore our new building and Middle School spaces together. Our new year 8 students were enthusiastic and enjoyed experiencing a range of subject areas. Students were introduced to our new timetable for 2022 and a taste of our new integrated Middle School subjects. The four day transition program has helped our new students feel more comfortable about coming to high school next year.

Kathryn Sutton | Junior School Assistant Principal

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# MOUNT GAMBIER HIGH SCHOOL

## Uniform

From the start of 2022 Mount Gambier High School will have a new compulsory 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.

We can confirm a small selection of the uniform line (chinos, hoodie, zipped hoodie and hat) will be available for purchase through the Mount Gambier store from Saturday 11 December, with the Polo arriving by 27 December. The remainder of the uniform range will arrive over January in time for the start of 2022.



**To give parents the opportunity to stock up on the new Lowes Uniform range at a reduced price, prior to the start of 2022, Lowes will be running six days of 20 percent off our uniform range between Tuesday 25 and Sunday 30 January 2022. Parents/caregivers are welcome to pop into the store to try on items for sizing prior to this sale period.**

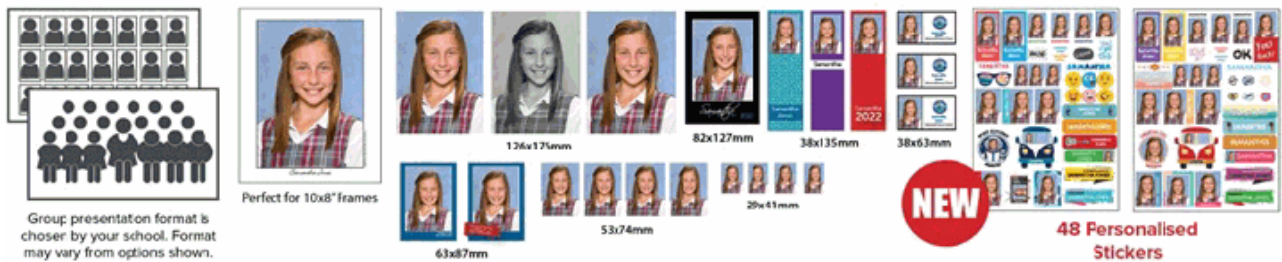


*A current pricing list and copy of the Uniform Policy has been attached to the back of this newsletter*



# 2022 Mount Gambier High School Photos

## 8 – 9 February 2022



Please note: Traditional or Composite group and the presentation format are chosen by your school. Sibling photos, if available, can also be ordered online and must be ordered prior to your photo day. A late fee will apply for photos purchased after ordering has closed.

## How to order

### Order online

Online payment options include Visa, Mastercard and PayPal. Alternatively, you can choose to pay over 10 weeks using LatitudePay.

#### STEP 1

Go to [www.advancedlife.com.au](http://www.advancedlife.com.au) on your computer, phone or tablet.

#### STEP 2

Enter your school code:

**ZDF R9R CD1**

in the 'order and download' box. This will take you to your school's secure online ordering site.



#### STEP 3

Click on 'Order Photos' and complete your details and procedures. During this process you can place orders for additional children at your school and sibling photos, if available



### Cash/envelope ordering

Your school prefers orders to be placed online. However, if you are unable to order online, please complete your order using the order envelope provided.

#### STEP 1

Complete a separate order envelope for each individual child's package/s ordered. If ordering for more than one child, payment should be enclosed in the envelope of the eldest child and this should be indicated on the envelope of the other child/children (the envelope that does not have cash enclosed).

#### STEP 2

Enclose exact cash payment in one envelope for the package/s you are ordering. Payment for more than one child should be in the eldest child's envelope and marked at the bottom of the envelope in the space provided.

#### STEP 3

Return your completed envelope/s, with correct cash payment, to our photographers on the day.

**Please note:** You must enclose exact correct payment, as change is not available. Credit card payments can only be made online and we no longer accept cheques. There is a separate envelope for sibling photo orders, should your school choose to offer sibling photos.

## School photographs will be returned to your school 4-6 weeks after the day of photography

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## PRESENTATION & PERFORMANCE NIGHT SPONSORS

We would like to thank the following businesses and individuals for their generous support towards our Presentation and Performance night.

- Adelaide Tuition Centre
- Ampol
- ASW Lawyers
- Mr Harold Allison
- Banner Mitre 10
- Baxter Hire Equipment
- BP Gambier West
- Computer Bits
- The Cutbush Family
- Dale Cleves Music
- Di-Monty Training Solutions
- eNVision Limestone Coast,
- New Venture Institute
- Flinders University
- Green Triangle Electronics
- Heemskerk Security
- Group Training Employment
- Intersport
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- KW Wholesale Stationers Pty Ltd
- Margaret Street Meat
- MEGT
- Mount Glass & Glazing
- Rotary Club of Mount Gambier West Inc
- She's Apples Market
- Shredall Security
- Sinclair Wilson
- Stucky Electrical Contractors
- University of South Australia



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## 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 (year 12 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.

## Footwear

Black shoes or sports shoes (WHS requires all footwear to be enclosed toe).



## **Senior Students (Year 12)**

Year 12 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. 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-riffs 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.

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