



School & Tertiary Education Facilities within GGT

General

One of the strengths of the Greater Green Triangle General Practice and Training region is the excellent range of education facilities that are available. All centres in the region, with the exception of Timboon, have at least two primary schools and a choice of a government or non-government education program. At the secondary level, there is a very wide choice available, particularly in the larger centres. Even in the smaller centres there is the opportunity to choose between secondary schools and in all centres between public and private education.

All secondary schools have an excellent record of success of preparing their graduates for further study at the tertiary level or seeing them placed in to employment.

1. Pre School and Child care Facilities

All major centres have a number of the pre-school and childcare centres. However, depending on the location of these centres the number of available places may be limited particularly those in the childcare sector. Kindergarten and childcare facilities are also located in each of the smaller centres.

2. Primary & Secondary Education.

As the GGT GPET region extends across a state border, there are small differences in the education systems of the two states in the way schools are organised. However, the curriculum taught in each of the two states is essentially the same.

The South Australian and Victorian schools have slightly different term dates; age of commencing school and the ways each year of schooling is counted is also different between the two states.

In Victoria, the age of commencing school 5 Years of age by April 30 in the year of enrolment; however, in South Australia children not required to attend school until they are six years of age. Under certain circumstances they may enrol at age 5 but may be required to spend up to three years in the junior primary grades.

In South Australia, the Reception Year is counted as the first year of education. I.e. following completion of the Reception year the child moves to Year 2. However, in Victoria after the child completes their Preparatory year they move into Year 1. This helps explain why Primary schools in South. Australia operate from *Reception to Year 7* and the Victorian Primary Schools go from *Prep – Year 6*. Secondary schooling in South. Australia is from years 8 – 12 whilst in Victoria secondary schools operate across years 7 – 12.

The South Australian school holidays are generally one week behind those in Victoria, although both systems will close for the school year around the same time. The Christmas vacation in South Australia is therefore slightly longer than in Victoria.

Parents in both states have a range of government and non-government schools to which they may send their children. Whilst government-funded schools do not charge tuition fees, they do have a range of fees and charges that must be met. Eg. Purchase of books, camps & excursions, computer

levy, building fund, etc. As non-government schools do include tuition fees, along with a range of other fees and charges, the cost of sending a child to a non-government school is usually higher. Parents are advised to check with the individual schools to see what the total cost of sending a child to that school is, as there can significant differences in overall cost between schools.

Generally speaking, schools right across the region are well resourced and equip their students well to move to the next level of education, be it secondary education, tertiary education or employment.

Applicants with families seeking an education are strongly advised to check more specific details schools within the region by contacting a school in the town/city to which they are thinking of relocating. If there is more than one school in the town/city it is recommended that a number of schools are contacted and their education program discussed and, if possible, their facilities are inspected prior to enrolling your children.

Applicants with seeking to enrol school-aged children in a school should make this known when making their initial enquiries re a possible placement within GGT GPET. The GGT staff members will endeavour to assist you by referring you to most appropriate people to speak to regarding your options for the education of your children.

Useful web sites for general information on the school systems.

- a. South Australian Government schools in the South-East of South Australia

www.decs.sa.gov.au/limestonecoast

- b. Victorian Government Schools

www.sofweb.vic.gov.au

www.bse.vic.edu.au

- c. Non-government schools

Most non-government schools in the GGT region, both primary and secondary, are operated through the Catholic Education Office.

For an overview of the Catholic education system in the two states, the following sites may be useful:

www.ceo.adl.catholic.edu.au

www.ceo.melb.catholic.edu.au

The Lutheran Church or non-denominational Christian community groups, run a small number of non-government schools in the region. The Uniting Church operates the Hamilton & Alexandra College.

3. Tertiary Education.

Students from both regions have good access to tertiary education either through the Tertiary and Further Education (TAFE) sector or through the University system.

In the lower South East of South Australia, there is the South East Institute of TAFE with it main campus in Mt Gambier with smaller campuses in Millicent and Naracoorte. In Victoria, the South West Institute of TAFE has campuses in Warrnambool, Hamilton and Portland. Students attending either of the TAFE Colleges can undertake a wide range of certificate, prevocational and apprenticeship courses across a wide range of vocational areas.

Deakin University has a major campus in Warrnambool. A wide range of degree courses is offered on campus with a further selection of on-line courses being available. The Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology also has a satellite campus in Hamilton offering a smaller range of courses in the major disciplines.

Useful Websites for further information on tertiary education: -

www.deakin.edu.au
www.swtafe.vic.edu.au (Warrnambool, Hamilton, Portland)
www.tafe.sa.edu.au/institutes/south-east/ (Mt Gambier, Millicent, Naracoorte)

4. Special Schools

Each major centre has a school that caters for children who need special schooling because of a disability that they may possess.

5. Education Facilities Within the GGT GPET Region

a. Colac

Primary-	Government	3
	Non-government	2
Secondary	Government Schools	2
	Non Government	1
Tertiary	A campus of the Gordon Technical College (TAFE)	

Web link: - www.colacotway.com.au

b. Camperdown and Terang

Both Terang and Camperdown are serviced by a multi-campus government P –12 school in each town. A regional non-government secondary school is situated in Camperdown. This school serves the surrounding districts of Terang, Cobden and the area to the north of Camperdown.

Students living in Terang and Camperdown can also choose to attend Cobden Technical school that in addition to its broad general curriculum offers a range of more vocationally oriented subjects. Daily buses leave each of these towns to travel the relatively short distance to Cobden.

Both Camperdown and Terang have non-government primary schools.

Web addresses for further information: -

www.camperdowncollege.vic.edu.au
www.terangcollvic.edu.au

c. Timboon

One medium sized government school is situated in Timboon. It has a total enrolment of approximately 500 students across all levels from Prep to Year 12.

Students also have the option of travelling by bus to the nearby township of Cobden to attend Cobden Technical School. (See above comments under Terang/Camperdown)

Web link: www.timboonp12.vic.edu.au/

d. Warrnambool

<i>Primary</i>	Government	5
	Non- government	5
<i>Secondary</i>	Government	2
	Non-government	3
<i>Tertiary</i>	South West Institute of TAFE Deakin University	

A dedicated daily bus service operating out Warrnambool allows children to attend the non-government schools in Hamilton

Web links for government schools: - www.bsw.vic.edu.au and follow the links.

e. Hamilton

Hamilton has a wide range of schooling options, which also includes 2 schools with boarding facilities.

<i>Primary</i>	Government	4
	Non- government	2
<i>Secondary</i>	Government	1
	Non-government	3 (2 with boarding facilities)
<i>Tertiary</i>	A campus of RMIT University Deakin University	

*Web address for further information: www.sthgrampians.vic.gov.au
www.bsw.vic.edu.au*

f. Portland

<i>Primary</i>	Government	4
	Non- government	2
<i>Secondary</i>	Government	1
	Non-government	1
<i>Tertiary</i>	South West Institute of TAFE	

It is possible for students from Portland to travel by bus to private schools in Hamilton each day.

Web address for further information – www.bsw.vic.edu.au

g. Mt Gambier

Primary	Government	5
	Non- government	2
Secondary	Government	2
	Non-government	1
Tertiary	South East Institute of TAFE	

Web address for further information.

www.hawkinsmedical.com.au
www.tafe.sa.edu.au/institute/south-east/

f. Naracoorte

Primary	Government	2
	Non-government	1
Secondary	Government	1

Web site: - www.narahs.sa.edu.au

g. Millicent

Primary	Government	1
	Non-government	
Secondary	Government	1

Web site: - www.millicenhs.sa.edu.au

Important Reminder

The above web sites are provided to help give you an idea of the options available to you, however it is important that you undertake your own enquiries and not rely solely on the information found on any of the above sites.

If you would like to discuss the schooling options for your children, please feel free to contact one of the GGT staff members who will endeavour to assist you by directing you to the most appropriate person. This will enable you to make an informed decision on the best option to suit the needs.

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