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**Two former school sites will be retained for education**

Independent Member for Shepparton District Suzanna Sheed gained clarification that two of the three former school sites in Shepparton and Mooroopna will be retained for educational purposes.

During question time in parliament yesterday, Ms Sheed asked Education Minister James Merlino to outline the how the government plans to use the former secondary school buildings, following the establishment of the new Greater Shepparton Secondary College.

Mr Merlino said Wanganui Park Secondary College and McGuire College would be retained for educational purposes.

He said the Education Department was reviewing sites for students with additional needs in Shepparton and Mooroopna.

Mr Merlino said Greater Shepparton Council and the Department of Education would continue to share the use of the Visy Centre and the adjacent oval at the Wanganui Park Secondary School site.

Ms Sheed said she was pleased to hear that the scouts and the Goulburn Valley Woodworkers Group would continue to use the site and that GOTAFE may expand to occupy McGuire College for Goulburn Murray Trade Skills Centre.

“The minister also ruled out that the Mooroopna School site would be disposed of without deep community engagement regarding its long term use,” Ms Sheed said.

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