



ganbina

For our kids, young people, families and community.

Welcome to a brand new year at Ganbina! We're excited to kick off 2026 with lots of energy, new opportunities, and a strong commitment to supporting our young people to learn, grow, and chase their goals.

Tips for starting a successful year

Starting School or high school is a big transition, children might need extra emotional support in the first few weeks. The Raising Children Network recommends keeping the conversation of school open, be excited and enthusiastic about starting a new year of schooling.

Studies show that an average of two hours of screen time a day excluding schoolwork is recommended for school age children. The Raising children network suggests that avoiding screen time an hour before bed can positively affect when children fall asleep and how long for, making sure they feel rested and ready for the school day.

Students can find their final year of schooling daunting, encourage good organisation by having a calendar or diary with key dates. Let your child know they can talk to career advisers early, different pathways exist.

Ganbina Focus - February 2026

What's happening this term?



Programs Starting Up Again

Our Education, Employment and Leadership programs are back for 2026!

We'll be working closely with participants to set up their year, whether that means settling into school, finding work, starting training, or stepping into leadership opportunities.

[Flyers Drivers Program](#), [Education Program](#), [Employment and training Program](#)

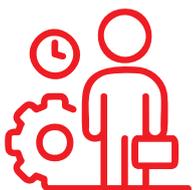


Supporting Families and Staying Connected

Term 1 is all about reconnecting and planning for a great year ahead. Our team will be meeting with participants and families for case plan meetings, where we sit down together to talk about goals, strengths, and the support needed for 2026.

These check-ins help us understand what each young person wants to achieve at school, in training, in work, or in their personal growth and make sure we're walking alongside them every step of the way.

We know that when families are involved and supported, our kids and young people thrive.



Helping with Big Transitions

Starting school, beginning a new job, or moving into further study can feel like a big change.

Ganbina staff will be there to walk alongside young people, helping them stay confident, settled, and on track.



Stronger Support from Our Team

Behind the scenes, our staff have been building new skills, updating online resources, and improving the way we work, so that every young person gets the best support possible.



Ganbina welcomes Tracy Hardie Shepparton Operations General Manager

Tracy brings extensive experience in leadership, community engagement, and operational delivery. Throughout the recruitment process she demonstrated strong alignment to Ganbina's values, a deep commitment to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander young people, and a clear vision for strengthening place-based practice, workforce capability, and partnership engagement across the Shepparton region.

In this role, Tracy will oversee all Shepparton based program and operational delivery and will work closely with our teams, partners, schools, families and community stakeholders to continue building strong outcomes for our participants.

Tracy will also be joining the Ganbina Leadership Team, contributing to organisation wide strategy, planning, and the continued uplift of our systems, culture and performance.

Please join us in welcoming Tracy to Ganbina.

We look forward to the expertise, energy and leadership she will bring to our organisation.



Growing Strong Communities

Culture is at the heart of everything we do at Ganbina. Throughout the Semester, we'll continue to embed culture into our everyday programs, conversations, and activities not just on significant dates, but all year round.

Our team will create opportunities for our participants to connect with stories, language, Elders, Country, and cultural practices in meaningful and age appropriate ways.

By keeping culture strong and present in our daily work, we help our kids and young people grow with confidence in who they are and where they come from.



We're excited to work alongside families to create a supportive environment where every participant can thrive and succeed.

Looking ahead.

Term 1 lays the foundation for a big year at Ganbina. We're excited to walk alongside our participants as we create more opportunities, celebrate achievements, and support our future leaders to shine.

<https://www.ganbina.com.au/participants-and-families/upcoming-events>

On the radar

January

- Monday 19th All Jobs4U2 Program
Registrations open
- Ganbina Head Office
(Shepparton opens)
- Wednesday 28th Term 1 Commences
**Dates may differ for independent
and Catholic schools*
- Youth Leadership Program
Applications open

February

- Friday 13th Youth Leadership Program
Applications close

March

- Friday 27th Term 1 Concludes
**Dates may differ for independent
and Catholic schools*

April

- Monday 13th Term 2 Commences
**Dates may differ for independent
and Catholic schools*
- Monday 13th-17th Youth Leadership Program
Unique Experience Trip 1

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