

# PROSPECTUS



## Ashburton College



*Individual Excellence in a Supportive Learning Environment*

# WELCOME



Kia Ora and Welcome,

I am delighted that you are considering Ashburton College for your child's secondary education. Our College has three core Values: Achieving Quality, Showing Pride and Having Respect. These values will support our learners as they move through life.

We are part of the global movement working towards transforming the education system. Our emphasis is on developing learners with the skills and dispositions that will be required in the future. Learners will need to be creative problem-solvers who are collaborative, creative and resilient.

Our College embraces diversity and we offer a comprehensive range of academic, vocational and extra-curricular choices. We also enjoy the significant advantages of well-established grounds. Our students are supported by skilled staff, and benefit from significant community support and access to many cultural and sporting facilities.

Thank you for your interest in Ashburton College.

Ross Preece  
PRINCIPAL



*Individual Excellence in  
a Supportive Learning  
Environment*

Ashburton College is situated in Ashburton, Mid Canterbury, the heart of New Zealand's beautiful South Island. Only an hour's drive south from Christchurch, Ashburton is a growing, vibrant town.

Ashburton is the bustling hub of the district, at the centre of a compact but amazingly varied region. Called New Zealand's granary, Mid Canterbury is an innovative farming and business region. A destination in its own right, it combines modern city facilities and vibrancy with rural town friendliness.

### POINTS OF INTEREST

#### **Tekapo**

- Hot Pools and Stargazing

#### **Mt Hutt**

- Signature skifield of New Zealand

#### **Lake Hood**

- Waterskiing, Boating and Rowing

#### **Akaroa**

- Swim with Dolphins, visit Pohatu Penguins

#### **Aoraki/Mt Cook**

- Highest Mountain in New Zealand



# ABOUT US



Our College is unique – being able to offer all the advantages and opportunities of an urban school in a pleasant, friendly, safe and spacious environment.

Ashburton College offers students a wide range of subjects and activities in a caring, supportive, secondary school learning environment. We are proud of the sense of community amongst staff, students, parents and caregivers, and this is reflected in our positive record of academic, sporting and cultural successes.

International students find school life at Ashburton College rewarding and fulfilling. They return home with happy memories of their time in New Zealand, and their achievements in learning English and the many other subjects and activities offered at the College.

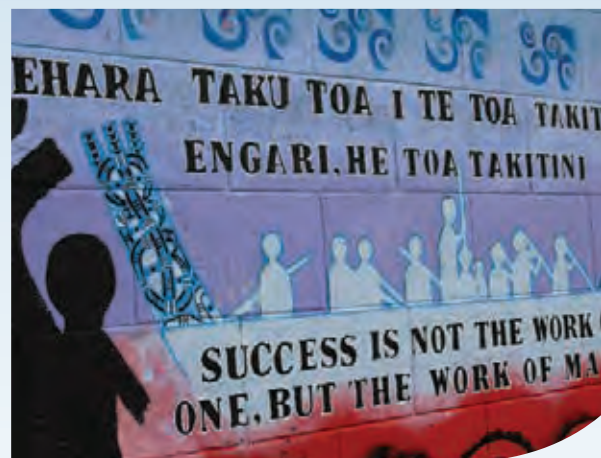
Ashburton College fosters student leadership and is committed to a successful partnership between home and school as a key ingredient of positive and successful secondary school experiences for all of its students.



## THE ASHCOLL WAY

*Achieve Quality*  
*Show Pride*  
*Have Respect*





# ACADEMIC OPPORTUNITIES



## YEAR 9

- ▶ A broad common curriculum is taught to Year 9 students. This covers the eight learning areas of the New Zealand Curriculum. English, Mathematics, Science, Social Studies, and Health and Physical Education are taught over the full year. Technology, Languages and Arts are taught through modules over the year.
- ▶ Students have the choice of learning in 14 subject-based classes or through a cross-curricular, project-based programme known as Innovation classes.
- ▶ Extra help with literacy is available through an enhanced programme of English/Reading.

## YEAR 10

- ▶ Students continue with English, Mathematics, Science, Social Studies, and Health and Physical Education. Three subjects are also chosen from the Technology, Languages and Arts curriculum.
- ▶ In selected subjects Year 10 students may take NCEA Level 1 Standards that will be credited to their results once they enter Year 11.

## YEAR 11

- ▶ English, Mathematics and Science are compulsory and students also choose three additional subjects for the year.
- ▶ NCEA Level 1 requires a minimum of 80 credits (at least 10 Numeracy Standards and 10 Literacy Standards).

## AGHORT ACADEMY

- ▶ This is designed for students who are interested in Agriculture, Forestry and/or Horticulture and are considering a career in a Primary Industry when they leave school.

## YEAR 12

- ▶ Students may study subjects at NCEA Level 1 and Level 2.
- ▶ An English course is compulsory (NCEA Level 1 or 2 English).
- ▶ NCEA Level 2 requires 60 credits from Level 2 or higher and another 20 from any other level.
- ▶ The general standard for entry to Year 12 subjects is 60 NCEA Level 1 credits. Students with less than 60 credits at the start of the academic year may need to continue with some Year 11 subjects.

## YEAR 13

- ▶ Students may study subjects at NCEA Level 1, Level 2 or Level 3.
- ▶ English is not compulsory unless the Literacy requirements for University Entrance (10 Literacy credits at Level 2, five in writing and five in reading) have not been met.

# ACADEMIC OPPORTUNITIES

## TO BE AWARDED UNIVERSITY ENTRANCE YOU WILL NEED:

- ▶ NCEA Level 3 (You need 80 credits, of which 60 must be at Level 3 or above, and 20 at Level 2 or above – those 20 are usually gained the year before).
- ▶ Three subjects – at Level 3 or above, made up of 14 credits each, in three approved subjects.
- ▶ Literacy – 10 credits at Level 2 or above made up of 5 credits in reading, 5 credits in writing. These credits can come from a range of subjects, not just English.
- ▶ Numeracy – 10 credits at Level 1 or above.

For full curriculum information and pre-requisites, including Scholarship information, please refer to the Ashburton College Curriculum Booklet ([www.ashburtoncollege.school.nz](http://www.ashburtoncollege.school.nz))

## GATEWAY: YEAR 12–13 STUDENTS

Students study an individualised learning plan with industry-based unit standards that contribute towards their NZQA Record of Learning. Students attend their Gateway placement one day or part-day per week. This provides students with the opportunity to 'test drive' their career choice in a real workplace, gaining valuable 'real' experience and learning.

## TRADES EXPERIENCE COURSE

This course, available to Year 12 and 13 students, is designed to offer students experience over a variety of trades. Students who are placed on the Course spend, for most of the school year, two days a week on work experience and the remaining time in their College classes. The purpose of the Course is for students to graduate, at the end of the College year, by gaining an apprenticeship in their chosen field.

## ONLINE LEARNING:

Students might choose an online subject if they: want to take a subject Ashburton College does not offer, have a column clash, need to be more flexible with their learning or enjoy learning online.

Subjects offered online include: Art History, Psychology, Philosophy, Media Studies, Electronics, French, Chinese, Korean, Spanish, Samoan, Tongan, Cook Island Maori, Computer Science, Social Studies and Equine Studies.

## DUAL PATHWAYS COURSES:

Dual Pathways courses are courses where our students go off-site 1 or 2 days a week to study a vocational subject at Ara Institute of Canterbury. Popular examples of these are the Introduction to Automotive Skills, Agriculture, Engineering, and Introduction to Salon Skills. Students learn in a 'hands on' style and acquire real world, industry-based skills. The benefit of the Dual Pathways courses is that students can get specific industry experience while still studying at Ashburton College.





*"Education is not the filling of a pail, but the lighting of a fire"*

- William Butler Yeats



# GROWING LEADERS



## PEER SUPPORT

Each year, Year 12 students are involved in supporting Year 9 students, to help with the transition to secondary school life.

## MENTORING

Students have opportunities to mentor younger students in a range of areas.

## STUDENT EXECUTIVE

Our Student Executive is a team of senior students led by our Head Boy and Head Girl and supported by the Deputy Boy and Deputy Girl. The Student Executive has a number of Executive Committees all focused on enhancing the College and providing welfare and recreational activities for students.

## LEADERSHIP CAMP

Year 13 students participate in a leadership camp each year. During this time their leadership skills are developed and responsibilities reinforced.

## BOARD OF TRUSTEES REPRESENTATIVE

Each year the students from Year 9 to Year 13 elect a student representative to the Board of Trustees.

## YEAR 9 AND 10 STUDENT COUNCIL

Two representatives from each class are elected on this Council. Their role includes welcoming new students and organising inter-class events.

## HOUSES

Ashburton College has a long and well-developed history of four Houses – Blue, Green, Orange and Red – that group students across the College. The Houses provide a number of opportunities for students from different year levels to mix and work together competitively in sports and cultural activities.

The annual House Competition provides a focus throughout the year. Each House has a student-led Executive and is assisted by teaching staff.

*Providing opportunities for leadership is one of the key facets in educating for life. Our students are encouraged to participate and assume various leadership roles from Years 9-13.*





*"People do not decide to become extraordinary. They decide to accomplish extraordinary things"*

- Sir Edmund Hillary



# STUDENT RECOGNITION



## AWARDS

### COLOURS AWARD

A Colours Award is presented to students for representation at national or international levels in any of academic, sport or cultural arenas.

### CULTURAL AND SPORT BLUES AWARDS

Cultural and Sport Blues Awards are presented to those students who achieve to a level of excellence in a sporting code or cultural activity.

These awards entitle the recipient to a Sport or Cultural Blues Badge and to wear a Blues Tie as part of their uniform.

### CULTURAL AND SPORT PERFORMANCE AWARDS

Cultural and Sport Performance Awards are presented to students who achieve highly in a sporting code or cultural activity.

### ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE AWARD

The criteria for this Award is a total of 50 Excellence and Merit Credits combined.

### ACADEMIC BLUES AWARD

For those students who achieve the criteria of 30 or more Excellence Credits in NCEA Levels 1 and 2 we present an Academic Blues Award in the following year. This entitles the recipient to an Academic Blues Badge and to wear a Blues Tie as part of their uniform.





*"I want, by understanding myself, to understand others. I want to be all that I am capable of becoming"*

- Katherine Mansfield



# OUTSIDE THE CLASSROOM



Ashburton College students have access to involvement in a wide range of learning opportunities outside the classroom. These range from Ako relationship-building activities and curriculum-related field trips, to choosing from the array of curriculum-based competitions, cultural, sporting, social, and overseas tours.

## CURRICULUM OPPORTUNITIES INCLUDE:

- ▶ Gifted and Talented Students' Activities
- ▶ Year 11 Physical Education, Skiing or Surfing
- ▶ Year 12 Geography, to Mt Cook
- ▶ Year 12 Physical Education Skiing and First Aid and Outdoor Education trips
- ▶ Year 12/13 Food and Nutrition Food Safety Course
- ▶ Year 13 Biology, to Portobello
- ▶ Year 13 Geography, to Kaikoura
- ▶ Year 13 History, to Akaroa
- ▶ Barista Course
- ▶ Music Solo and Group Assessment Performances
- ▶ Hospitality

## OTHER ACTIVITIES INCLUDE:

- ▶ Year 9 Ropes Course
- ▶ Years 9 and 10 and Overseas Students Skiing and Snowboarding at Mt Hutt Skifield
- ▶ Lunch-time Recreation Activities
- ▶ Inter-College Sport/Cultural Exchanges
- ▶ House Competitions
- ▶ Polyfest
- ▶ Science Club

## OVERSEAS EDUCATIONAL TOURS

Over many years College students have been able to experience travel to other countries through tours by language class groups, music groups and sports teams.

Tour destinations have traditionally been Australia, Japan, Germany and Greece.





*"It is not the mountain  
that we conquer but  
ourselves"*

- Sir Edmund Hillary



# CULTURAL OPPORTUNITIES



## CULTURAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDE

- ▶ Ashburton District Schools' Art Exhibition
- ▶ College Arts and Languages Festival Week
- ▶ Drama Assessment Performances
- ▶ AshDance
- ▶ Festival of the Spoken Word
- ▶ Flava Festival
- ▶ Hakatere Cultural Festival
- ▶ Kapahaka
- ▶ Manu Kōrero Speech Competition
- ▶ Lip Sync
- ▶ Itinerant Music, offering String, Wind, Brass, Drums, Guitar and Singing lessons.
- ▶ Show Quest
- ▶ Choirs — Phoenix Chorus, Phoenix Rising
- ▶ Bands —  
Jazz, Concert, Ensembles, Rock, Orchestra
- ▶ Chess
- ▶ College Productions
- ▶ Art Gallery Field Trips
- ▶ Zonta Youth Art Award
- ▶ Speech Competitions
- ▶ Writing Competitions
- ▶ Polyfest
- ▶ Debating
- ▶ Big Sing
- ▶ Top of the South Phoenix Rising Tour
- ▶ Teen Ag AshColl Young Farmers
- ▶ Music Performace Showcase evenings

## TE WHARE O TAWHAKI (HOUSE OF LEARNING)

The College Wananga is the centre of teaching Te Reo Māori and Tikanga Māori. It is the cultural centre for all students and the carvings symbolise the history and origins of Tangata Whenua who dwell in this district.

Posted in the corridor adjacent to the Whare Wananga are the kawa (rules) for entry by anyone who is part of the College community. The impressive carvings, crafted by Master Carver Mr Vince Leonard, were installed in 1997.

A booklet explaining the carvings is available.





# SPORTING OPPORTUNITIES



- ▶ Athletics: Cross Country, Road Racing, Triathlon, Duathlon, Mud Run
- ▶ Badminton
- ▶ Basketball
- ▶ Bowls: Indoor, Lawn
- ▶ Cricket
- ▶ Croquet
- ▶ Cycling: Track, Road
- ▶ Equestrian
- ▶ Esports
- ▶ Football
- ▶ Golf
- ▶ Hockey
- ▶ Motocross
- ▶ Mountain Biking
- ▶ Netball
- ▶ Petanque
- ▶ Rowing
- ▶ Rugby
- ▶ Shooting: Air Pistol, Clay Target, Smallbore Rifle
- ▶ SLSU Sports Days
- ▶ Skiing and Ashburton College Tucker Trophy Competition
- ▶ Snowboarding
- ▶ Softball
- ▶ Squash
- ▶ Swimming
- ▶ Table Tennis
- ▶ Tennis
- ▶ Touch Rugby
- ▶ Volleyball
- ▶ Yachting





*“AshColl Way is to support, encourage and achieve to a high level”*



# INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS



Ashburton College warmly welcomes students from overseas countries, both as Fee Paying and Exchange Students. Many students attend for the full academic year, while others are welcomed for a shorter time. Both international students and visitors are greatly enjoyed and valued for the richness and diversity that they bring to the College.

The town of Ashburton is set below the Southern Alps on the Canterbury Plains, and is at the heart of a vibrant and progressive area. The College is centrally located, close to sporting and cultural venues and the town centre.

Many opportunities for success are provided, both inside and outside of the classroom, in our friendly community environment.

## THE INTERNATIONAL DEPARTMENT

The International Department has a dedicated team of staff who have supported students for over twenty years. This team works together to ensure that all students are supported emotionally, physically and academically at Ashburton College.

## ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE (ESOL)

The College offers a variety of ESOL classes to meet the needs of all Second Language Speakers. The class/classes a student takes reflects their level of English Language capability. Class sizes are small and lessons are offered in a supportive environment by a specialist teacher. An Intensive ESOL Class is offered to those students requiring extra language development and support. This class works towards a gradual integration into the mainstream.

ESOL classes are also offered at all year levels. The purpose is to teach students the English language skills required to achieve qualifications in the New Zealand Education System.

## ACADEMICALLY

Our aim at Ashburton College is to provide students with the opportunity to maximise their individual academic potential. The College employs experienced Academic Tutors to help students adjust and achieve in their new environment. The Tutor can go into classes with them when required, which can help students settle into the class and understand its content.





*To enquire about coming to Ashburton College:*

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Additional information can be found on  
our website:

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Find us on Facebook:

[www.facebook.com/ashcollinternational](https://www.facebook.com/ashcollinternational)



# INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS



## HOMESTAY

Our homestay families are personally selected by the International Department. All care is taken to ensure the students' needs and particular interests are paramount in matching students with a family. International students will receive information and contact details about their homestay family before they leave their home country.

The happiness and well-being of our students is of utmost importance to us and we strive to provide excellent care of them during their stay. We want the international students to return to their home countries with fantastic experiences and memories of their time spent at Ashburton College.

Homestay family and student support is provided by the Homestay Co-ordinator and Director of International Students, and regular meetings are held with the homestay families.

## CODE OF PRACTICE

Ashburton College observes, and is bound to, the Education (Pastoral care of International students) Code of Practice 2016. Copies of the Code are available from the College or from the NZQA website:

[www.nzqa.govt.nz/providers-partners/education-code-of-practice/](http://www.nzqa.govt.nz/providers-partners/education-code-of-practice/)

## HEALTH AND TRAVEL INSURANCE

It is essential for International Fee Paying and Exchange Students to obtain medical and travel insurance. This insurance must cover the time from leaving home, staying in New Zealand and returning home. Ashburton College's International Department or your agent can organise this insurance for you.

## IMMIGRATION

The New Zealand Immigration Service can provide full details of visa and permit requirements and other relevant information.

Their website address is:  
[www.immigration.govt.nz](http://www.immigration.govt.nz)



# OUR UNIFORM



We offer a range of uniform options in order that there are affordable choices for parents/caregivers. In addition, the College regularly evaluates new sources of cost-effective, quality garments.

Good quality, second-hand uniform items can be purchased from our Uniform Clothing Shop. This is available towards the end of January annually and is open at any time during office hours, after 9.00am each day.

## SUMMER UNIFORM

### GIRLS

Shirt	Plain white polo shirt.
Skirt	Ashburton College regulation blue and white check skirt.
Socks	Plain white ankle socks.
Shoes	Plain black or brown leather non-suede lace or buckle shoes with low heels or plain brown leather flat heel sandals with a back strap so that the sandal stays securely on the foot. The shoes must not cover the ankles.
Jersey	Ashburton College regulation school jersey with red band and V neck.
Hats	Ashburton College regulation cap or sunhat.

### BOYS

Shirt	Light blue, short sleeve, straight hem shirt which must be tucked in if wearing a jersey.
Trousers	Light grey school shorts.
Socks	Ashburton College regulation grey socks with navy and red band.
Shoes	Plain black or brown lace-up or slip-on dress non-suede leather shoes.
Jersey	Ashburton College regulation school jersey with red band and V neck.

## WINTER UNIFORM

### GIRLS

Shirts	Light blue, long sleeve, straight hem shirt which may be worn out, but tucked in if wearing a jersey, or light blue, long sleeve, curved hem shirt which must be tucked in at all times.  Plain navy blue or white t-shirt (without logos) may be worn under the shirt (providing it is only visible at the neck).
Skirt	Ashburton College regulation kilt (the kilt must be worn above ankle length).
Trousers	Navy blue trousers only available from the College uniform shop.
Socks	Navy blue or black tights or navy blue or black over-the-knee socks.
Shoes	Plain black or brown leather non-suede lace or buckle shoes with low heels. The shoes must not cover the ankles.
Jersey	Ashburton College regulation school jersey with red band and V neck.
Beanie	Ashburton College regulation wool-mix beanie.
Ties	The College tie is a requirement for all Year 11, 12 and 13 students when wearing the winter uniform.
Scarves	College colours of red and/or navy blue only.

### BOYS

Shirts	Light blue, long sleeve, straight hem shirt which may be worn out, but tucked in if wearing a jersey, or light blue, long sleeve, curved hem shirt which must be tucked in at all times.  Plain navy blue or white t-shirt (without logos) may be worn under the shirt (providing it is only visible at the neck).
Trousers	Light grey school shorts or dark grey school long trousers.
Socks	Ashburton College regulation grey socks with navy and red band.
Shoes	Plain black or brown lace-up or slip-on dress non-suede leather shoes.
Jersey	Ashburton College regulation school jersey with red band and V neck.
Beanie	Ashburton College regulation wool-mix beanie.
Ties	The College tie is a requirement for all Year 11, 12 and 13 students when wearing the winter uniform.
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Ashburton College is proud of its uniform and we require that students wear it correctly. This does include from the time students leave home for College until they return home again. Staff will monitor correct uniform wearing with students, both in and outside of the College grounds.



## PHYSICAL EDUCATION UNIFORM

Ashburton College regulation physical education top and shorts.

- Students are permitted to wear tidy, plain navy track pants or plain navy shorts as an alternative to the regulations.
- Footwear must be non-marking sports shoes.
- Towel and togs (Girls: one piece swim suit) are required for swimming.



## VESTS, JACKETS, BLAZERS, TIES

Jackets One of these options may be worn:

- Black Polar Fleece jacket.
- Black plain waterproof jacket.
- Navy blue Polar Fleece jacket.
- Navy blue plain waterproof jacket.

Hoodies Are not part of the College uniform and students will be asked to remove them.

Blazers Ashburton College Blazer with College Crest (optional uniform item).

'Blues' Ties These are available from the College for students who are members of first teams. An authority to purchase is available from the College Office.

Ashburton College Blazers are an optional addition to the uniform. Students who wish to wear the blazer can choose to purchase or to lease one on an annual basis.

New College ties can be bought from the College Office.



## HAIR

- Students' hair should be clean, tidy and well groomed. Long hair should be tied back for safety in the workshops, laboratories and suitable for activities in physical education.
- Unnatural hair colours will not be permitted.
- Extreme hair styles are not encouraged.
- Hair ties, ribbons and accessories need to be school colours of red or navy blue.
- Boys are expected to be clean shaven at all times.

## JEWELLERY

The following jewellery is permitted:

- Wrist watch.
- One bracelet/bangle.
- One pair of small ear studs or small ear sleepers.
- One plain necklace or one taonga.
- Clear, colourless nail polish.

Students will be asked to remove any other jewellery, including facial piercings.

## BADGES, LOGOS AND ADVERTISING

Badges Only badges relating to school activities may be worn.

Logos No item of uniform should display a logo promoting any product or advertising cigarettes, alcohol, or identifying any business or sports club. School bags must not display a logo promoting cigarettes or alcohol.



## CONTACT US

### COLLEGE OFFICE HOURS DURING TERM-TIME:

8:30am–4:30pm Monday to Thursday, and 8:30am–3:30pm on Friday.

### COLLEGE OFFICE HOURS DURING STUDENT BREAK:

First two days of break and last two days of break 8:30am–3:00pm.

Voicemail messages may be left at any time if phone contact cannot be made.

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