



# Ashburton College

Individual Excellence in a Supportive Learning Environment

## Criteria for Academic Blues

**During the academic year students gain Excellence and Merit credits from:**

- Internal Achievement Standard assessments
- External Achievement Standards
- Unit Standard assessments (where the teacher in their professional judgement deems the students work to be equivalent to the standard of Excellence for an Achievement Standard)

**To be eligible for any of the awards listed below all of the following requirements must be met:**

1. All of the credits are at or above the NCEA level at which they are receiving the award;
2. All of the credits are achieved within the College calendar year; and
3. The student gained the credits whilst at, and is currently enrolled at Ashburton College.

### Criteria for Receiving an Academic Performance Award

The student achieves a total of 50 or more Excellence and Merit credits combined. Each qualifying student receives a Performance Certificate.

### Criteria for Receiving an Academic Blues Award

The student achieves 30 or more Excellence credits. Each qualifying student receives an Academic Blues Certificate and a Blues badge, but do not also receive a Performance Award.

### Criteria for being Awarded the Top Scholar Award

The student achieves the greatest score based on a calculation of Grade Point Average being:

*The sum of (4 x total number of Excellence credits + 3 x total number of Merit credits + 2 x total number of Achieved credits) all divided by Total number of credits entered.*

This student also receives a Top Scholar Certificate and a Colours badge.

**Note-** Where two or more students achieve the same GPA score there is a process for separating them based on a finer grained analysis of comparative achievement. Details of this are available on request from the College Office.

*As at March 2015*