

Welcome to 2026 Key dates and Information

Due to students arriving on different dates, we will arrange individual appointments for uniform fitting and subject selection. Orientation days will then be held together, covering both Ashburton College and life in New Zealand. Additional activities will also be organised. A WhatsApp group will be set up to help students communicate easily.

26 th Jan	Monday	Uniform fittings and subject choices – individual appointments for those students in the country. Please bring your passport, insurance and any other key documents.
27 th Jan	Tuesday	Orientation to NZ and Ashburton College All students 12.30-3.30pm please meet at the Main Office No uniform - casual clothing. Please bring your computer and phone today. Also bring a water bottle and lunch. 3.30-5pm Students needing to confirm subjects or sort uniform
28 th Jan	Wednesday	Orientation to NZ and Ashburton College (Buses running) 9am-12pm Continued orientation - Meet at the Main Office No uniform - casual clothing. Bring morning tea and a water bottle BBQ from 4.00pm in the Ashburton Domain for students and host families. New and returning students and families, all welcome. We will eat about 5.30-6pm so if host families are working students can just meet in the Domain by the playground. Meat will be organised and cooked - host families please bring a salad or dessert and a chair or rug to sit on. Paper plates, cutlery and juice supplied. If weather permits.
29 st Jan	Thursday	8.45am-5pm Leave from the Student Office we will wait for the buses to arrive. 10am arrive in CHCH walk around some key sites 11.30-12.30pm Lunch at Riverside Market - students to pay for themselves 12.45 leave for Summer Beach 1.30-3.30pm Surfing https://surfcoach.co.nz/ 3.45 pm Head back to Ashburton Arrive at 5pm (we will text homestay families of ETA) We will arrive back at the Walnut Ave Gate
30 th Jan	Friday	First Day Yr 9 and Yr 13 Meet at the Dean's Office 8.35am and you will introduce you to your buddy who will look after you for the day 8.45am all NEW students (already in the country please) please meet for a Powhiri (Māori welcome) Please meet @ Deans Office Pastoral Suite- wear your school uniform today! Students not attending school today can leave after the Powhiri A local restaurant will be booked for 12pm for students wishing to attend
2 nd Feb	Monday	First Day Yr 10, Yr 11 and Yr 12 Including Yr9 and Yr13 Year 9 and Year 13 attend this day too - you can go straight to your AKO class at 8.40am Yr10, 11 and 12 Meet at the Main office at 8.40am meet your Buddy-they will look after you for the day
3 rd Feb	Tuesday	All students Meet buddy at Pastoral Suite @ 8.50am then head to your timetable class
4 th Feb	Wednesday	All students at school today. Meet buddy Pastoral Suite @ 8.50am, then go to your timetabled class
5 th Feb	Thursday	All students at school today. 9am Head to your timetabled Period 1 class
6 th Feb	Friday	Waitangi Day - Public Holiday today