

Ashburton College

Individual Excellence in a Supportive Learning Environment



Message From The Principal

Welcome Back

It has been a brilliant holiday weather-wise but, just like many of our students, getting dressed into my 'school uniform' of suit and tie came as a nasty shock.

Uniform/Presentation

We remind families of the College's expectations that students are in correct uniform items and wear only regulation items and jewellery and do not wear facial piercings.

Our requirements are clear that students will be asked to remove any non-allowable jewellery and facial piercings, and we would much prefer not to spend learning time on such breaches of the uniform code.

The required code is set out in the College Prospectus and can be found on the College web-site: www.ashburtoncollege.school.nz .

We greatly appreciate parental support in ensuring your student is correctly presented, on time, at College.

2018 NCEA Results

Our 2018 NCEA results made for affirming reading. Our Level 1 pass rate overall was 83%, our Level 2 pass rate was 88%, and Level 3 67%. These are roll-based figures so they include any student who has been enrolled in that year level no matter for how brief a period of time, or whether they sat NCEA at the end of the year or not.

Certainly our Level 3 statistics were hindered by the number of students who left for good employment opportunities during the year. For instance, a student who leaves at the end of Term Two in Year 13 (Level 3) to take up a diesel mechanic's apprenticeship is deemed, by the Ministry of Education, to be a 'not achieved' in our Level 3 statistics. In reality, we all acknowledge that this is a positive move for the student.

A significant cause of celebration were our University Entrance results. All our students who intended to go to University passed their University Entrance, and my thanks go to all teachers who have supported our student achievement.

Barrier to Academic Success

The biggest barrier to academic success remains absence from school and, in many cases, these absences are parentally condoned. We look forward to parental support to ensure high attendance rates.

College International Travellers

There are six international travellers from our College I wish to acknowledge. Kate McIlroy and Amy Pearson have both spent January studying in Germany, as part of the PASCH Scholarship programme; while Jed Cameron and Coty Cuadrado are in Germany for three months, attending school there and staying with host families. I thought of these students every time pictures of metre deep snow featured on our news. They will certainly have had an experience to remember and are no doubt looking forward to getting back to some warmth. Also involved in an overseas programme have been Maigen O'Neill to Ireland, and Leanne Walsh who in still in Austria.

The additional traveller is Greta Hampton - Teacher of Classical Studies, History and Social Studies - who has been in Israel for three weeks over January, via a scholarship gained to the Yad Vashem International School of Holocaust Studies, Jerusalem.

Naturally this will add to her teaching knowledge but I also wish to acknowledge this as being a significant sacrifice on her part as she has left a young family at home during the summer holiday period.

College Pōwhiri

Our College Powhiri is to be held on the field outside our whare, at 11:30am on Friday 08 February 2019. This is the first date that our whole school is assembled on campus. Parents, caregivers or interested community members are welcome to be part of this important school **Ross Preece** Principal

Information Ako Meetings/College Closure –

Tuesday 26 February

Please note that the College will be closed for normal instruction on this day, in order to hold Ako interviews for all year levels.

These interviews are new in 2019, and will consist of a twenty five minute Ako interview for each student to share information, plan and set goals, with their Ako teacher and parent/caregiver.

The interviews will be held at the Hotel Ash from 9:00am-8:00pm, on 26 February 2019. Families are to book their interview times on-line, and this information will be provided in the near future. All students/families are expected to attend.

Staff Welcome

As is often the case at the start of a new school year it is our great pleasure to welcome new staff to the College. A staff induction day for these teachers was held on Tuesday 29 January, followed by their involvement in the Teacher Only Days on Thursday 31 January and Friday 01 February.

College is in the process of appointing new Learning Support Assistants also, but at this stage, we introduce our eight new teaching staff.

and Counsellor



Annie Aulsford Teacher of English



Head of Faculty Arts



Education Needs



Stacie Lilley Teacher of Science

Head of Faculty,

Mathematics

Internal Appointments

Additionally, a number of internal appointments to new or additional positions have been made, as follows:

Guy Smith

Teacher of Digital

Information

Technology



Marv-Anne Evers Year 9 Dean



Curriculum

Innovation

Leadership, a

within-College

Hakatere Kahui

Ako (Community of

Learning) position.



Tony Robson

Information

Ropes Courses – for Year 9 Students

Annually Year 9 students travel to Geraldine to take part in the Challenge Ropes Course. Accompanying each class are student Peer Support Leaders,

Parent/Caregiver helpers and teachers. Under the watchful eye of experienced instructors our students experience, class by class, a day on the course.

From the challenges, the students undertake team building, learn the importance of communication within teams and problem-solving, and



grow trust and confidence; strengthening and building class relationships. This day is part of the Health and Physical Education Curriculum and Peer Support Programme which Year 9 students participate in at Ashburton College.

Year 9 students are expected to participate in these days. Information and permission slips have been issued to students and families.

Ropes Course dates scheduled for this year are

- 9N

- 9P

- 9V

- Tuesday 12 February - 91
- Wednesday 13 February 9K
- **Tuesday 19 February** - 9L - 9M
- Monday 25 February
- Tuesday 05 March Wednesday 06 March
- Thursday 07 March
- Monday 11 March
- 9W Tuesday 12 March - 9X
- Wednesday 20 March - 9Y

Reminder: Change to College Start Times – 2019

Please note: From the start of the 2019 school year there are changes to the school day start time.

These start times are Mondays and Fridays – 8:45am (first bell), to Ako Rooms. Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays – 8:55am (first bell), for students to be in the classroom at 9:00am

The reason for this change is that the traditional Family Form time, which ran from 8:45am-9:00am daily, is being replaced by what will be known as Ako time.

The Ako hour-long period will be factored into the College day, and will take place Period 4 on Wednesdays, for all students.

Ako (I learn from you, you learn from me) groups, will generally have significantly smaller numbers than the previous Family Form groups.

Students will move through their College years with the same staff member, whenever this is possible.

Programmes in Ako time will include the teaching and exchange of knowledge of soft skills required for the future, and being engaged in: Learning for Life - collaborative, creative, connected.

The College Values of

Quality, Pride and Respect will also form a part of Ako time, while programmes such as reading mentor, peer support and various Year Level and House Assemblies can be scheduled within this time.

Orientation Morning Activity Displays/Exciting Opportunities for Students to become Involved Wednesday 20 February

College Chessboard, 10:45am – 11:15am

On this day students have the opportunity to view display stands of activities available. through the College and community groups, and register interest in what they might like to be involved in







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Jack Hanrahan

Teacher of Dance and Drama



College Office Hours Term Time

Monday - Thursday 8:00am - 4:30pm Friday 8:00am - 4:00pm

College Uniform Clothing Shop

This is operated through the College Office, by request, between the hours of 8:30am - 3:30pm or by arrangement. Families, students and staff are welcome to ask to view items of clothing (second-hand, good quality).



Community Meetings

A series of meetings are scheduled to be held with our ethnic communities in order for the College to gain information on how we can best support students and families.

These meetings are being held as below, and are open to all interested people.

- Māori community hui Monday 18 February Pasifika communities Monday 25 February
- Monday 04 March Filipino community
- All meetings are being held at the Hampstead Rugby Club rooms, Bridge Street, Netherby, starting at 5:30pm. We look forward to seeing you there.
- during this year, and beyond. College welcomes and encourages students joining in College life, and

Orientation Day provides a great chance to see the wide range of activities on offer.



Parents and caregivers might like to encourage their student to consider how they might like to become involved in the opportunities manv offered by the College and Community Groups who contribute to the life and work of the College.

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Information

Looking to Play Netball this year? **Come Along to the Ashburton College Netball Club Trials**

Senior trials (Year 11-13 students). Tuesday 12 and Thursday 14 February, 5:45pm - 7:30pm.

Junior trials (Year 9 and Year 10 students). Wednesday 13 and 20 February 3:30pm - 5:15pm.

Venue All trials are being held at the EA Networks Centre.

All trialling students must complete an Ashburton **College Trial Form.** These are emailed to previous players. New players can collect from the Sports Office at College. Forms to be completed and returned to the Student Office at Ashburton College by tomorrow, Friday 08 February 2019.



Were you a former student,

or one of its predecessor

schools – Ashburton High

Register as an AshColl Alumni Member and go into a Draw



If you haven't already registered as an Alumni member join us now and be in with a chance to scoop a **Cleavers Corner re-usable cup and** five complimentary coffees with appreciation to Nikita and Andy Moore of Cleavers Corner, for their support.

> Join via: https://www.ashcollalumni.co.nz/joinus by Monday 18 February 2019 to be in the draw.

Teacher Only Days

These were held at College on Thursday 31 January and Friday 01 February with the programme opening with the customary welcome and introductions of new staff, and followed by technology and e-learning aspects for the balance of the morning. Teacher focus on the new Ako time in year levels comprised the afternoon's programme.

Friday morning allowed for in-Faculty work in the morning, with the Year 9 IPA (Innovation Programme AshColl) initiative filling the afternoon slot.



Congratulations

Canterbury Rowing Championships

With the arrival of mid-January the rowing season recommenced with six College students and one cox competing in the above club regatta, over the weekend of 19-20 January.

Heading down on the Friday the team rigged the boats, set the gazebo up and went out on the water for a quick row.

Due to extreme wind conditions being forecast for the Saturday, events officials decided to start an hour early on Saturday morning, with the first race then at 7:00am,

meaning rowers had to be at the lake at 6:00am. Sunday morning saw rowers wake to a windy day, but needing to be at the lake at 6:00am to see if rowing could go ahead. Unfortunately officials called the regatta off at 7:30am, so it was a quick de-rig of the boats and back to Ashburton, with rowers having had to be up early only to find they didn't have to be up early!



(Pictured above): On the erg machines, preparing to race - Paddy Dekker (front) and Grace Adams (back), while other rowers enjoy the shelter of the College gazebo.

Saturday's Results were:

- 1st placing and finals qualification: Women's Under 19 Coxed Quad -Emma Stagg, Mollie Gibson, Aidan Elvines, Grace Adams and cox Harriet Leverton.
- 1st placing and finals qualification: Women's Club Single -
- Aidan Elvines, in what was a great effort in her first singles race at a regatta.
- 1st placing and finals qualification: Men's Intermediate Single Ged Wall.
- 2nd placing, and finals gualification: Men's Intermediate Double -Ged Wall, Paddy Dekker.
- 3rd placing, and finals qualification: Senior Pair -Grace Wilson (Club Rower) and Mollie Gibson.
- 3rd placing, and finals qualification: Men's Intermediate Single -Paddy Dekker.
- 4th placing, and finals qualification: Women's Senior Double -Emma Stagg, Mollie Gibson.
- 5th placing, and finals qualification: Senior Single
- Mollie Gibson. 6th placing: Men's Club Single -
- Ged Wall.

Emma Stagg.

- 6th placing: Women's Club Double -
- Aidan Elvines, Grace Adams.
- 6th placing, B Grade final qualification: Boys' Under 17 Single -Paddy Dekker.
- 7th placing: Boys' Under 17 Double -Paddy Dekker, Ged Wall.
- 7th placing: Women's Senior Double -
- Grace Wilson (Club Rower), Aidan Elvines.

8th placing, and finals qualification Senior Single -



Scholarship Winner – Sam Orr

The Year 9 Academic Scholarships were established in 2004 bv the Ashburton College Board of Trustees, with up to two scholarships awarded annually. Awardees are selected via two examination tests, one in English and one in Mathematics.

The scholarships were open to any Year 8 student who is a New Zealand Citizen or Permanent Resident, and who applied for entry to Year 9 at Ashburton College in 2019.

One award was gained this year, and allocated at the end of 2018, for the 2019 College year.

Sam, a former Allenton and Ashburton Intermediate School student, said that he was a 'bit surprised' but 'pretty happy' when he heard the news of his success. He said

he had a good start to the first day at College, and didn't get lost, but that he also had the advantage of having friends from the Intermediate School with him

Coming Events

February

- 08 Whole-College Powhiri, 11:30am, College field in front of Whare. 11 Whole-College Assembly, Chessboard, 11:35am.
- Head student speeches, presentation of badges.
- 12 Ropes Course day for 9J, Ropes Course, Geraldine High School.
- 13 Ropes Course day for 9K, Ropes Course, Geraldine High School. 15
 - Athletics Prelims Day, all students involved; College Field, Ashburton Domain.
 - Athletics Prelims postponement day
- 18 Māori Community Hui, Hampstead Rugby Club Rooms, 5:30pm.
- 19 Ropes Course day for 9L, Ropes Course, Geraldine High School.
- Orientation morning, 10:45am, Chessboard. 20

March Pascal Gymnasium Sister School visit 23-03

- 25 Pasifika Community Hui, Hampstead Rugby Club Rooms, 5:30pm. Ropes Course day for 9M, Ropes Course, Geraldine High School. 26
 - Ako Interviews, Hotel Ashburton, 9:00am-8:00pm, all students/families.
 - College closed for normal class instruction.
- 28 Athletics Finals, Ashburton Domain.
- 29 Athletics Finals, postponement day.

Term Dates 2019

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Term One		- Friday 12 April	
Term Two	Monday 29 April Teacher Only Day Queen's Birthday holiday	- Friday 05 July - Friday 31 May - Monday 03 June	
Term Three	Monday 22 July Mid-term break	 Friday 27 September Friday 30 August 	
Term Four	Monday 14 October	Thursday 31 October (Year 1Monday 04 November (Year	



News



(Pictured above): Aidan Elvines, with help from team-mate Mollie Gibson bringing her boat up to the boat stand after her great race.

- Tuesday 05 November (Year 11) Thursday 12 December (Year 10) - Friday 13 December (Year 9)

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(Pictured left, left and right): Tane Moore and Molly McKenna studying the Student Information Booklet, to work out how to find their way around the College

Welcome to Year 9 Students – Peer Support Programme

On Monday, 04 February, we welcomed 272 Year 9 students to the start of their secondary schooling years at College. To support the settling-in process Ashburton College annually runs a Peer Support Programme where Year 12 students work alongside the Year 9 students.

For 2019, forty five Year 12 students have offered their time, which included a two day training programme at the end of last year.

On Day 1 these students spent Period 4 leading activities with the Year 9 students, finishing with a sausage sizzle lunch on the Chessboard.

Throughout Term One the Peer Support Student Leaders will continue to work with the group of Year 9 students they are responsible for, in the role of both a leader and a friend.

The Peer Support Programme Aims are about –

- making links between people
- supporting, understanding and accepting each other

Peer Support students also accompany the students they provide Peer Support for, when the relevant classes travel to Geraldine to undertake the Challenge Ropes Course day programme.

Carolyn Clough, Head of Junior School, said that Day 1 for the Year 9 students went very well, in record temperatures. The students coped very well with the heat and, without exception, made an impressive start to their year. It was a pleasure to see the students on the Chessboard, mixing with new friends and enjoying the company of the Year 12 students. Although the vast majority were a little nervous to start with, most left smiling having had a 'fantastic' day.

Welcome to Ashburton College

(Pictured right, *left to riaht):* Angela Ciora, Andreea Ciora, Lela Butler, Hannah White (back), Rose Stevens, Amelia Hood.



(Pictured right): Staff member **Cezarne Rodgers** hands out a sausage to Zephyr Haika.

(Pictured right,

back row,

left to right):

Bilshan Ate,

(Front row,

left to right):

Janelle Galos,

Hazel Ryan.

Mykel Pascual,



