



Ashburton College

Prospectus



21 Rangitata
rua tekau mā tahi



Our Story,

Ashburton College is a co-educational secondary school based in Ashburton that blends opportunities and achievement with a wide range of cultures to create a unique and exciting learning environment. The College is the largest secondary school in the region and hosts 49 different cultures amongst the student population. We have the largest proportion of Pasifika students in the South Island, and we are proud to have our own whare on campus. Our school is a friendly, safe and spacious learning environment that focuses on following the Ashcoll way of Quality, Pride, and Respect. There is a regular buzz around the school, with a never-ending calendar of events coupled with a supportive learning environment. This is reflected in our positive record of academic, sporting and cultural successes.





Our Home

Ashburton College is located in Ashburton, a bustling urban centre that is the centre of the Ashburton District. Built on supporting the surrounding rural economy, the township and district is now a melting pot of cultures and activities, with facilities to meet every need. For the adrenaline junkie there is the leading ski-field of Mt Hutt, or water activities aplenty at Lake Hood. For those who prefer a slower pace, you could choose to relax at the Opuke Thermal Pools in Methven, or spend time at the picturesque Ashburton Domain.





Our History,

Ashburton College was founded in 1965 as a merger of the Ashburton High School and Ashburton Technical College. The College moved to its current Walnut Avenue location where it has continued to grow. The College has its own whare, Te Whare O Tawhaki, which was opened on April 4, 1997, and is now the cultural heart of the College. The carvings on the whare give a glimpse at the history of Te Waipounamu (South Island) they show to Maori gods, (Tūmatauenga and Rongomātāne); they tell the story of Tawhaki climbing to the heavens and collecting the three kete (bags of knowledge); they tell us of Ranginui and Papatuauku- sky father and earth mother.

The College celebrated its 50th anniversary in 2015, and the 60th anniversary rapidly approaches in 2025 with plenty more to be written in the history of the school.



Our Future,

The College has grown alongside the township and region of Ashburton, and so has the cultural footprint of the school. The school now has students representing 49 different cultures studying at the school and 12% of the school do not speak English as their first language. We have the largest proportion of Pasifika students for a secondary school in the South Island, and have large representations from other cultures like Afghan, Cook Island Māori, Fijian, Filipino, Maori, Samoan, South African, and Tongan.

In 2024 the school opened its latest learning space the Rangitata block, which hosts 22 classrooms, is an advanced modern learning space and is the first stage in a broader project to modernise the school and prepare for further growth at the school.





THE ASHCOLL WAY

Promoting positive behaviour through our school values of achieving Quality, showing Pride and having Respect

ACHIEVE QUALITY BY

- Doing our best with a positive attitude
- Behaving appropriately and allowing others to learn
- Arriving on time, organised and ready to learn

SHOWING PRIDE BY

- Upholding our commitment to the College, community and environment
- Getting involved in College activities
- Celebrating achievements of individuals and groups



HAVE RESPECT BY

- Caring for self, others and property
- Appreciating diversity and culture
- Encouraging cooperation and honesty



The Houses



In 1971 the House system was restructured to fit the layout of the new school, based on House blocks. Orange and Green houses were based in A block and Red and Blue in T block. These houses have continued a keen inter house rivalry in an ever increasing number of activities.

Resurgamus



'The name Ashburton College was chosen as a type of compromise as it retained some links with the names of the two old schools - Ashburton High School and Hakatere College (formerly Ashburton Technical College).

The choice of the Phoenix as the central part of the crest symbolised the birth of the new from the old with the intention of retaining all the best aspects and traditions of the former schools - the motto 'Resurgamus - to rise again' was in harmony with the Phoenix design.





Academic Opportunities

- Academic, Cultural and Sporting Blues
- Aghort Academy
- Automotive
- Barista
- Business Studies
- Child Development
- Classics trip to Greece - every third year
- Colours
- Dual Pathways with Ara
- English as a Second Language
- Gateway
- German trip to Germany - every second year
- Japanese trip to Japan - every second year
- LEEP - Learning Enrichment and Enhancement programme
- Literacy and Numeracy programmes
- Online Learning
- Outdoor Education
- PASCH German school
- Peer Support
- Reading Mentors
- Science Club
- Science Fair
- Senior and Junior student Executive
- Trades Experience
- Tourism







Sporting Opportunities

- Active As
- Adventure Racing
- Athletics: Cross country, Road Racing, Triathlon, Duathlon
- Badminton
- Basketball, 3x3
- Bowls: Indoor, Lawn, 3x3
- Boxing
- Cricket
- Croquet
- Cycling: Track, Road
- Equestrian
- Esports
- Football
- Futsal
- Gymsports
- Golf
- Hockey
- Karate
- Karting
- Korfball
- Motocross
- Mountain Biking, CycloCross
- Netball
- Rock Climbing
- Rowing
- Rugby, Touch, 7's, League
- Shooting: Air pistol, Clay Target, Smallbore Rifle
- Skiing and Snowboarding
- Softball
- Squash
- Surfing
- Swimming
- Table Tennis
- Ultimate Frisbee
- Volleyball and Beach Volleyball



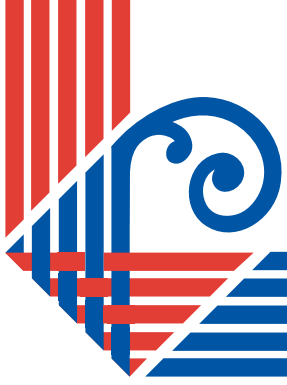




Cultural Opportunities

- Art Gallery Field Trips
- Ashburton District Schools Art Exhibition
- AshDance
- Bands - Jazz, Ensembles, Rock, Orchestra
- Big Sing
- Cultural experiences and celebrations
- Chess
- Dance clubs
- Debating
- Drama Assessment Performances
- Festival of the Spoken Word
- Flava Festival
- Hakatere Cultural Festival
- Itinerant Music offering String, Wind, Brass, Drums, Guitar, Piano and Singing lessons.
- Kapa Haka
- Lip Sync
- Manu Korero Speech Competition
- Music Performance Showcase evenings
- Productions
- Polyfest
- Readers Cup
- Sheilah Winn Shakespeare festival
- Show Quest
- Smokefree Rockquest
- Speech Competitions
- Theatre sports
- Wearable Arts competition
- Writing Competitions
- Zonta Youth Art Award







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.



YEAR 9

Compulsory Subjects

- English
- Health & Physical Education
- Mathematics
- Science
- Social Studies

Optional Subjects

Choose 9 subjects

Art

- Drama
- Music
- Visual Art
- **Languages**
- German
- Japanese
- Māori

Technology

- Agriculture
- Design & Visual Communication (Graphics)
- Digital Technology
- Fabrics
- Food & Nutrition
- Hard Materials
- Money Management

YEAR 10

Compulsory Subjects

- English
- Health & Physical Education
- Mathematics
- Science
- Social Science

Optional Subjects

Choose 3 subjects

- Agriculture
- Art - Visual
- Dance Studies
- Design & Visual Communication (Graphics)
- Digital Technologies
- Drama
- ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages)
- Exercise Performance (Sports Science)
- Exercise Performance (Outdoor)
- Food & Nutrition
- German
- Japanese
- Māori
- Money Management
- Materials Technology: Fabrics
- Materials Technology: Hard
- Music

YEAR 11 (NCEA LEVEL 1)

Compulsory Subjects

- English
- Mathematics
- Science

Optional Subjects

Choose 3 subjects

- Accounting
- AgHort Academy
- Agriculture Science
- Applied Food Skills
- Art Portfolio
- Art Projects
- Dance
- Design & Visual Communication (Graphics)
- Digital Technologies
- Digital Technologies: Practical
- Drama
- Economics
- English Foundation
- English Extension
- English Language Studies
- English Mid Band
- English Vocational
- ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages)
- Food & Nutrition
- Foundation Studies
- Geography
- German
- Health
- History
- Japanese
- Mathematics Advanced
- Mathematics Applied
- Mathematics Mid Band
- Māori - Te Reo
- Māori - Tikanga
- Materials Technology Applied
- Materials Technology: Building
- Materials Technology: Fabrics
- Materials Technology: Metal
- Materials Technology: Wood
- Music
- Music Performance
- Online Learning
- Physical Education
- Sports & Exercise Performance
- Science



YEAR 12 (NCEA LEVEL 2)

Compulsory Subjects

English

Optional Subjects

Choose 5

- Accounting
- Agriculture Science
- AgHort Academy
- Art History
- Art Painting
- Art Projects
- Art Photography
- Automotive Skills - Introduction
- Biology
- Business Studies
- Chemistry
- Child Development
- Classical Studies
- Dance
- Design & Visual Communication (Graphics)
- Digital Technologies
- Digital Technologies: Practical
- Drama
- Economics
- Electronics
- English Extension
- English Foundation
- English Language Studies
- English Mid Band
- English Vocational
- ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages)
- Food & Nutrition
- Foundation Studies
- Gateway
- Geography
- German
- Hair, Beauty & Retail - Introduction
- Health
- History
- Hospitality
- Japanese
- Law
- Mathematics Advance
- Mathematics Applied

- Mathematics General
- Māori - Te Reo
- Māori - Tikanga
- Materials Technology: Applied
- Materials Technology: Fabrics
- Materials Technology: Metal
- Materials Technology: Wood
- Music
- Music Performance
- Online Learning
- Performing Arts Technology
- Outdoor
- Physical Education
- Physical Education Practical
- Physics
- Science
- Tourism
- Trades Experience
- Work & Life Skills

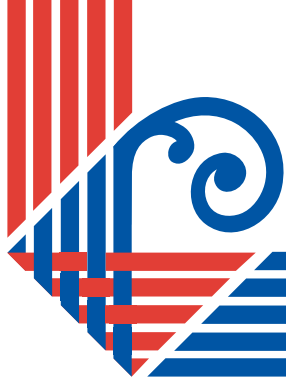
YEAR 13 (NCEA LEVEL 3)

Compulsory Subjects

Option Subjects

Choose 5

- Accounting
- Agriculture Horticulture
- Art History
- Art Painting
- Art Photography
- Art Projects
- Biology
- Business Studies
- Child Development
- Chemistry
- Classical Studies
- Design & Visual Communication (Graphics)
- Digital Technologies
- Digital Technologies: Practical
- Drama
- Economics
- English
- English Language Studies
- ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages)
- Food & Nutrition
- Foundation Studies
- Furniture
- Gateway
- Geography
- German
- History
- Hospitality
- Japanese
- Law
- Māori - Te Reo
- Māori - Tikanga
- Materials Technology: Fabrics
- Materials Technology: Hard
- Mathematics - Calculus
- Mathematics - General
- Music
- Music Performance
- Online Learning
- Performing Arts Technology
- Physical Education
- Physics
- Science
- Sport & Exercise Performance
- Statistics & Modelling
- Tourism



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