



Head of Senior School Message

Introduction

Wow, we are nearly there! This year, once again, has had its highs and lows. One aspect of school that has become increasingly clear to me is the importance of the AshColl Way Values.

The students who strive to pursue Quality, Pride and Respect are the students who succeed through these highs and lows successfully.

This term the Senior School is focusing on 'Quality' by being prepared for upcoming NCEA examinations and 'Pride' by finishing the year off strongly.

Resources for NCEA Students in 2023

NCEA examinations do not have to be difficult. With the proper preparation and focus on high-yield material, Merits and Excellences will be very attainable.

Here are some useful resources and tips and tricks from MoneyHub to help prepare senior students for examinations:

Quick Tips for Success

- Have a look at past exam papers and marking guides. Familiarising yourself with the high-yield material and how that material will be tested will streamline your study.
- When you do not understand a concept, try utilising a video from Studytizen, LearnCoach, a YouTube video or Khan Academy.
- Try to improve your studying efficiency by trying active studying techniques (such as flashcards).
- Utilise other resources such as Anki, Forest and Grammarly to improve your overall productivity.

Helpful Resources for NCEA Students

1. NCEA Subject Resources

The best resource for NCEA subjects is the NCEA website. On the website, you will find many past papers, exemplars from other students, marking guides and other useful information such as resource booklets. Having a look at the past papers, giving them a go and comparing your answers with the marking guide will help you familiarise yourself with the style of questions and help you prepare for examinable material.

2. StudyTime

StudyTime has a large amount of free resources to help you ace your papers. They have videos, walk-through guides, cheat-sheets and more. They also provide links to past exams and assessment schedules from their website.

On their YouTube channel, they have videos showcasing NCEA strategies for a specific standard, tips for different subjects, and more light-hearted videos such as politicians trying to complete NCEA exams. Using this resource will help you understand things when you need a concept explained in a different way to how you were taught in class.

3. LearnCoach

LearnCoach is a library of short videos and quizzes for students doing NCEA. In addition, they have courses for both internal and external assessment. The strength of LearnCoach lies in its ability to simplify complicated ideas into a format that anyone can understand. Their basic plan is free, which provides limited access to their content.

Many of their videos are free to access through their YouTube channel, so have a look and check it out. Like, StudyTime, LearnCoach is very useful for helping you understand concepts that may not have fully clicked in the classroom.

4. Infinitypusone YouTube Channel

Infinitypusone is a YouTube channel dedicated to helping students with NCEA Level 1 and 2 Maths and Level 3 Calculus. The channel teaches many concepts as well as many useful worked examples. Trying to do the questions yourself first and then comparing your answers with the worked examples will help you understand the best way to think about certain problems and learn where you are prone to making mistakes.

5. Alpha Atoms

Alpha Atoms is a YouTube channel that is fully dedicated to giving support in Level 1 Science, and Level 2 and 3 Chemistry. On this channel, you'll find many helpful videos with lessons and tutorials about concepts, walk-throughs of past exemplars, and live Q&A sessions to resolve any queries.

Going through the past papers yourself, watching the guided videos afterwards, and comparing your responses is a beneficial way of seeing what mistakes you made, and where you can improve.

I wish all senior students the very best for their NCEA examinations.

Remember: 'There are no secrets to success.'

It is the result of preparation, hard work, and learning from failure.'

General Colin Powell, former US Secretary of State

Farewell to the Year 13s

It has been my pleasure to help and guide these Year 13 students for the last three years.

Over that time there has been a lot of credit counting, student meetings, a couple of assemblies, attendance tracking, lunch-time catch ups, parent meetings, laughs and even tears! I congratulate them on all their hard work and dedication.

A special thanks to the four Head Students and the other student leaders. They have done a fantastic job and have accomplished some amazing things this year. Good luck for all your future endeavours.

Abbey Bruce, Head of Senior School



Information



ASHBURTON COLLEGE SCHOOL BOARD MID-TERM ELECTIONS 2023

PARENT ELECTION RESULTS DECLARATION

At the close of nominations, as the number of valid nominations was fewer than the number of vacancies required to be filled,

I hereby declare the following duly elected:

Nina Bradford
Coby Snowden

Sheena Tyrrell
Returning Officer

Events

The Woolshed comes to Ashburton College

The Woolshed is a converted shipping container resource which tours around New Zealand schools, with one operating in the North Island and one in the South Island and both in high demand.

The Woolsheds have been donated by Wools of New Zealand and sponsored by Bremworth Carpets. Their purpose is to introduce students to the enormous array of purposes, old and new, for which wool is used. The sheds themselves are filled with many interactive and tactile activities supported by further classroom learning including literacy and numeracy.

Head of Department Agriculture Jackie Driver said that Ashburton College was fortunate to host the South Island shed for the last two weeks of Term 3. This resource was visited by students of all ages from Early Childhood Education Centres through to our own College students.

All visitors enjoyed the experience, commenting on many of the lesser-known uses for wool.



(Pictured above): One of the Woolsheds!

(Pictured right, front to back): Mikayla Legge, Tegan Marriott and Marlee Campbell making their way through the resources and information.



Coming Events

Please note - * denotes subject to confirmation of student availability.

20	End-of-year Chess Match – Staff v Student Executive (Chessboard)
22-28	Tokelau Language Week
23	Labour Day Public Holiday
24	Blues Assembly, 12:30pm, Chessboard
26	Final day for Year 13 students (refer below) Year 13 Graduation Ceremony, Ashburton Event Centre
27	Final day for Year 11 and Year 12 students (refer below)
28-29	* SSS Schools' Rugby 7s, tbc
31	Year 11 and Year 12 Prize-giving, Ashburton Event Centre
31-02 Nov	Year 10 co-requisite tests
November	
03	Aoraki Sports Awards, Caroline Bay Hall, Timaru
03-05	* Volleyball Canterbury Secondary Schools' Junior Tournament, Christchurch
06	NCEA Exams start
16	Teacher Only Day
17	Canterbury Anniversary Holiday
	No NCEA exams
20	Year 9 Scholarship Exam

2023 End-of-Year Final Days, Prize-Givings, Events

Parents, caregivers, family/whānau, friends and interested community members are most welcome at the Awards Ceremony and Prize-givings.

October	
26	Year 13 students' final day. Students finish at 1:20pm. Year 13 Graduation Ceremony, Ashburton Event Centre, 7:30pm.
27	Year 11 and Year 12 students' final day. Year 12 students finish at 1:20pm. Year 11 students finish at 3:05pm.
31	Year 11 and Year 12 Prize-giving (Combined), Ashburton Event Centre, 7:00pm.
December	
03	Year 13 Leavers' Graduation Dinner, Hotel Ashburton, arrive at 6:30pm, seated at 7:00pm.
11	Year 9 and Year 10 students' final day. Year 9 Prize-giving, 5:30pm, Ashburton Event Centre. Year 10 Prize-giving, 7:30pm, Ashburton Event Centre.

Congratulations

Outstanding Postal Results for AshColl Target Shooting Team

As advised in our last newsletter we now look at further top results gained by the AshColl Target Shooting Team. Two sets of New Zealand Postal Results were completed earlier last month, with the AshColl Students flying high again. These results are described also as a fitting farewell for the Year 13 team members.

Competition Results

There are two sets of postal results in for the AshColl Shooting Team. Each of the competitions have different team sizes and quite different courses of fires (number of targets and shots), so they are each a great measure in two different ways.

Target Shooting New Zealand, Whitcoulls' Trophy Challenge – AshColl Defending Champions

In this competition teams consist of three students, who shoot two single targets, with totals being out of 200.20.

Students can be graded into either Boys, Girls, or Mixed Grades, with winners announced for each grade, and the top score named as overall winner, and granted the title of Top School and Whitcoulls' Trophy holders.

Additionally, there are titles and prizes for the Top Girl and Top Boy.

AshColl Team Results

Seventy-two teams from around New Zealand and 218 Individual Shooter contested this competition, making for very competitive fields. The results listed below make for very impressive reading.

Top School

Ashburton College Gold - Charlotte McKenzie, Madi Tourle, Jack Jones, with a total score of 589.36/600.60, meaning they averaged 98.16 per target which is Master Grade shooting.

Runner-Up Top School

Ashburton College Red - Phoebe McKenzie, Eliza McKenzie, Bree Greer, totalling 582.21/600.60, which is excellent shooting.

Top Boy Shooter Award: Jack Jones

Top Girl Shooter Award: Charlotte McKenzie, who defended her 2022 title with this result.

Runner-Up Top Girl: Madi Tourle

Mixed Team Champions: Ashburton College Gold (Charlotte McKenzie, Madi Tourle, Jack Jones).

Girls' Team Champions: Ashburton College Red (Phoebe McKenzie, Eliza McKenzie, Bree Greer).

Four of the five Top Girls: Charlotte McKenzie, Madi Tourle, Phoebe McKenzie, Eliza McKenzie.

Whitcoulls Trophy – Gained in Three Successive Years

Charlotte McKenzie, Madi Tourle and Jack Jones have won this trophy together for the last three years. It is believed that this may be a record for any one team and school, and this information is being checked.

This is truly an excellent set of results. To win two of the four grades is a super effort, and to have the top two teams' scores is amazing.

Many strong individual efforts were achieved within this match also, which does not recognise grade, so it has meant AshColl has students who have excelled well beyond grade expectations to achieve these results.



(Pictured left, left to right): Charlotte McKenzie, Madi Tourle and Jack Jones with the Whitcoulls' Challenge Trophy, as received in time for presentation at the 2022 Year 12 Prize-giving.

Further Outstanding Results for College Shooters in the New Zealand Secondary Schools' Shooting Championships (Triple SSS)

This is the postal match for large teams, stretched across four rounds (three singles out of 100.10 and the final testing double card round out of 200.20).

Results are accumulated for three different sections: Team, Graded Individuals, and Overall Individuals.

Titles, Badges and Certificates – Ashburton College Defending Champions and Record Holders

Ashburton College are record holders, from 2020, with a score of 1954.102. A competition record of five Ashburton College teams competing shows the depth of the Ashburton programme.

Ashburton College Gold Medal Team

Team Members - Charlotte McKenzie, Jack Jones, Madi Tourle, Phoebe McKenzie, Sama Soialo. The team scored 1954.092, a record-equalling whole score.

Second-placed Cambridge High School scored 1940.071, a score which would win the competition in many other years.

The match was clinched with a strong final round, and a phenomenal penultimate round score of 397/400, courtesy of 2 x 100s from Charlotte McKenzie and Madi Tourle, a 99 from Phoebe McKenzie and a 98 from Jack Jones.



Congratulations



The Gold Medal winning team with their trophy (pictured left, back row, left to right): Phoebe McKenzie, Jack Jones, Charlotte McKenzie.

(Front row, left and right): Madi Tourle, and Sama Soialo.

Ashburton College Bronze Medal Team

This was gained by the **Ashburton College Red Team** of Bree Greer, Eliza McKenzie, Luke Rhodes, Nate Woods and Sophia Clifford, with a total, final score of 1920.057, also a score that would win the competition in some years.



The Bronze Medal winning team (pictured left, left to right): Nate Woods, Sophia Clifford, Luke Rhodes and Eliza McKenzie.

(Inset, right): Bree Greer.

Individual Awards were equally impressive:

Silver Overall Individual: Charlotte McKenzie (492.22), a mere four inners (decimals) behind the winner.

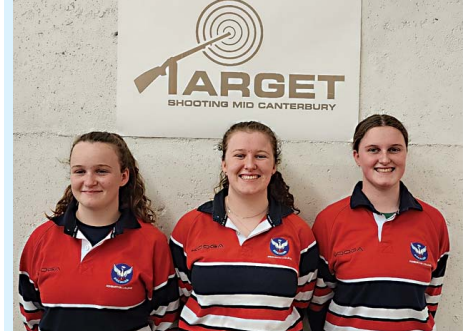
Gold Medal, A Grade: Charlotte McKenzie

Bronze Medal, B Grade: Phoebe McKenzie

Bronze Medal, C Grade: Eliza McKenzie

Silver Medal, D Grade: Sophia Clifford

There were multiple Top 5 and Top 10 finishes for teams and individuals also, within this competition.



Individual winners, (pictured above, left to right): The McKenzie sisters Eliza, Charlotte and Phoebe.



(Pictured above): Sophia Clifford

History

In the thirteen-year history of this match, Ashburton College has won it eight times and, since 2015, has won it every year, with the exception of 2021, when they were Silver Medalists.

Summary – Medals in Every Grade Represented In

This was a phenomenal result for the Gold Team to reach a record-equalling whole score, and to see our students finishing in the medals in every grade we were represented in was excellent.

To also gain the Bronze Medal for the Red Team, represented by one Year 9, Year 10 and Year 12 student plus two at Year 11 bodes extremely well for the future. Cambridge and Dannevirke High Schools, in particular, mounted excellent campaigns and gave our teams a real run for their money.

The shooting fraternity said, 'to be honest, they are running out of superlatives for this crop of students'. These are exceptional results and very exciting for the future. It should also be said that these students are wonderful ambassadors for Ashburton College, who support and inspire each other, and they are very humble champions among their peers around the country. The top shooters are very aware of the legacy Ashburton College has in these competitions, and they have really worked hard to add their part to this very proud heritage.

Farewell to Year 13 Students

In particular, we thank **Charlotte McKenzie**, **Jack Jones** and **Sama Soialo** for their service to the sport and the school, as they depart at the end of 2023, along with **Alastair Kilgour**, knowing that they are leaving matters in very capable hands!

Appreciation

The team's many thanks too, go to: **Bryan Hunter** (Head Coach, Coronation and Phoenix Clubs); **Sharon Tourle** (Co-ordinator); **Senior Coaches** of Coronation and Phoenix Clubs; Parents and Caregivers; AshColl staff **Darion Gray** and **Jason Robinson**.

The students are all aware of how supportive the school and community are, and also how that is not the case for some of their mates in other areas. They feel very proud to be AshColl students.

Successes at South Island Secondary Schools' Cross Country MotoX

This event was held in Tapanui, West Otago, on Sunday 03 September 2023, and organised by the Gore and Districts Motorcycle Club.

Ashburton College had eight riders competing in this event.

Team members were -



(Pictured above, left to right): Nico Thompson, Nic Dalgety, Thomas Easton, Luke Watson, Will Watson, Taylor Wilson, Leighton Watson, and Josh Patrick. The course this year was described as a bit more technical than the previous year. With conditions muddy and slippery, there were lots of variants to the course with riding through part of a forest block, mud holes and similar.

Two race categories

Competitive and Novice were the two race categories.

The Competitive section was raced for 1½ hours and Novice over an hour. Within the categories were different classes depending on what cc bike was being ridden, and the age of the rider.

Results in the Competitive Category, out of seventy-three riders, were -

Tom Easton	- 21st overall; 13th in 14-19 years' 0-300cc four-stroke class from thirty-four competitors, with seven laps completed.
Nic Dalgety	- 22nd overall; 6th in 14-19 years' 200cc two-stroke class from twelve competitors, with seven laps completed.
Nico Thompson	- 29th overall; 4th in 12-13 years' 125 cc class, from nine competitors, with six laps completed.
Leighton Watson	- 36th overall; 19th in his 14-19 years' 0-300cc four-stroke class from thirty-four competitors, with five laps completed.
Will Watson	- 39th overall; 20th in his 14-19 years' 0-300cc four-stroke class from thirty-four competitors, with five laps completed.

Results in the Novice Category, out of forty-one riders, were -

Luke Watson	- 14th out of forty-one overall; 10th from twenty-one competitors in his 12-19 up to 309 four-stroke class, with five laps completed.
Josh Patrick	- 4th from the four competitors, in the Farm Bike event, and completed one lap.
Taylor Wilson	- Unfortunately wasn't able to race due to illness.

Team Placing – 7th Overall

The Ashburton College team placed 7th overall from the twenty-six competing schools, which was a commendable outcome.

Appreciation

Thanks were expressed to the Gore and Districts Motorcycle Club for putting on such a well-run event; to the farm owner for supplying the land and providing such a fantastic opportunity for the boys, and also to the parents who transported and supported the boys while at the event and during racing.



(Pictured above, left and right): Thomas Easton after the race, and Nic Dalgety out on the track. (Photo credit – Geoff Guthrie).

College's Kapa Haka Rōpū

2023 has been a very successful year for Ashburton College's Kapa Haka Rōpū, with performances across this Flava Festival held at Caroline Bay early September.

FLAVA Festival 2023 – Six Awards Including Overall Award Kaiwhakahaere o te reo Māori Tiipene Philip says that what had been an annual event was again up and running after a four-year hiatus including interruptions due to Covid.

The Ka Toi Māori o Aoraki Flava Festival had a new venue at the Sound Shell in Caroline Bay, and the event was held over two days, on Friday 08 and Saturday 09 September.

Tiipene said that the competition had been on their minds all year and the programme formed a basis for much of the Kapa Haka group's training over this year.

This was a very competitive event and especially with many Timaru schools wanting to take out the competition in their own backyard. As a rōpū, College had been busy preparing, polishing each item and building towards this event.

Throughout 2023 our Tutor Sonia-Leigh Tahuri Stephens had been working on many aspects and not exclusive to the performance part. Tiipene noted that the application to detail showed through in the final performance.

The rōpū arrived at Te Taitarakihī Marae-a-iwi on the Friday morning, giving plenty of time for preparation and last minute details. It was close to 11:00pm before finishing that night's preparation with all up at 5:00am on the Saturday to complete final preparations. The students were prepared, they knew their items, and were full of enthusiasm and energy.

The word is that once the rōpū got on to the stage they just owned their performance. They were strong, confident and showed energy and skill, and an absolute delight to watch, performing well ahead of their ages.



(Pictured above): Kapa Haka boys performing the Haka, Whakatoria and Tika Tonu.

Everyone was so proud of them, and so happy for them when the results were announced. They had prepared, had given it their all, and gained the outcomes.

Tiipene said that it was an absolute pleasure to spend the two days with them, and for the whole year leading up to this competition.



(Pictured above): Kapa Haka girls performing their Waiata-a-ringa, Tūkaha.

Prizes/Taonga:

As can be seen from this list of awards below, Ashburton College certainly reaped the benefits of their hard work, gaining -

- Overall Award
- The Te Roro Rangatira Award (language and pronunciation)
- Senior Kapa Haka Award (secondary school)
- Innovation Award (creativity)
- Kākahu Award (best dressed)
- Kaea Tuakana Award (most outstanding male lead second award) – to Year 13 student **Kaiwhaiki Peetitumango**

(Pictured right, left and right): Matua Tiipene with Kaea Tuakana Awardee Kaiwhaiki Peetitumango, holding his certificate and trophy.

Appreciation

Many thanks are given to our marvellous tutor, the students and our whānau:

Tutor: Sonia-Leigh Tahuri-Stephens.

Students: Rhiannon Choat, Kingston Culshaw, Freedom-Lee Gleave, J-R Gleave, Maria Hala, Rongomai Heke, RicJale Heke, Unieque Heke, Ellenor Irimana, Ebony Manuel-Hayes, Kaiwhaiki Peetitumango, Henahsea Rangī, Tui Rangī, Kelly Ratapu, Shila Savage, Tuaine Strickland, Kahu Te Ruki, A J Teuru, Hapina Whokihika.

Student helpers: Brooklyn Culshaw, Lani Fifita. Oliver Davies, Bill'e O'Brien.

Kaikaio: Whaea Renae List, Whaea Tania Trusler-Clark, MatuaTiipene.



(Pictured right, left and right): Freedom-Lee Gleave (kaitiakiwhine), Tutor Sonia-Leigh Tahuri-Stephens, Kaea Tuakana Awardee Kaiwhaiki Peetitumango.