



# Ashburton College

Individual Excellence in a Supportive Learning Environment

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## News

### Message From The Principal

#### New Build - Information Evening

Tonight, in the College Auditorium, we are hosting an information evening for our neighbours and other interested members of our community, re our new build.

After 3.5 years of planning and paperwork we are now at the point where we can share our plans, timelines and campus layout.

This meeting will be fronted by Martin Connell our Ministry of Education Consultant/Delivery Manager, Andrew Lapsley who is the Director/Senior Project Manager from Verve Projects, and Ursula Adams from BCN Architects.

The evening starts at 7:00pm and is scheduled to finish at 8:30pm. There will be a chance to have questions answered at the meeting and afterwards, via an online Q and A.

#### Blessing and Earth Turning

This evening will be followed by a blessing and earth-turning at 8:20am on Monday 29 August, at the Walnut Avenue site of the first build. The gathering will include various invited guests, with the blessing to be provided by Te Wera King, a senior Ngāi Tahu Kaumatua.

#### Block 1

The first block consists of thirty-two classrooms, Te Whare Manaaki, Science Labs and classrooms and Maths classrooms. This block should be ready for classes to use at the start of 2024. After such a long wait it will be fantastic to have the new build underway.

#### Monitoring Young People's Use of Cellphones

I have had feedback from parents acknowledging the positive impact placing some form of restriction on their child's cell phone use has had on their well-being.

This particularly applies to ensuring your child has a good night's sleep. Cell phones are designed to be addictive, so the temptation at night is to have 'just one more game' or to decide 'I will just contact....'

Sleep is vital for teenage physical, intellectual and emotional development; so making sure they can get that sleep is something simple you can do to support your child's well-being.

#### Derived Grade Exams

For our senior students the next five weeks are vitally important, as we have the 'derived grades exams' looming.

These are derisively labelled as such, because these exam grades are used if a student, for legitimate reasons, is unable to sit NCEA exams in November. Each year we have a number of students who have needed to use their derived grade marks for their final results.

The temptation for some seniors will be 'to study for the real exams' but, as some unfortunate souls discover each year, this is often too late.

The other major deadline to consider is that internal assessment finishes at the end of this term for most subjects, which means that all our seniors are working to complete their internal assessments. Term 3 finishes on 23 September.

#### Winter Sports Tournament Week

Finally, good luck goes to all our teams who are competing in this tournament week, from Sunday 28 August.

We have teams competing in Blenheim, Christchurch, Dunedin, Invercargill, Nelson and Timaru. Obviously we wish them well and an enjoyable tournament experience. It's great to have such events back after a two year absence.



Ross Preece  
Principal . Tumuaki

### Information

#### Ako Interviews/College Closure, Thursday 08 September

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 provide opportunity for students to share information, and review goals and progress, with their Ako teacher and parent/caregiver.

The interviews will be held at Ashburton College, from 10:00am-8:00pm, in students' Ako Rooms. Fifteen minutes is allocated for each interview.

Families are to book their interview times on-line, and this information has been provided to families. If you are unable to book online please contact the College Office, 308 4193.

All students/families are expected to attend an Ako Interview on the day, with their parent/caregiver.

Senior students may attend on their own if their parent/caregiver is unable to come in.

The AshColl Way



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#### College Build Community Presentation and Information Evening

Tonight, Thursday 25 August, 7:00pm, Auditorium

Interested College Whānau and Community Members are warmly invited to this evening.

**Presenting at the evening will be:**

- Ursula Adams, Architect, Baldasso Cortese Noordanus (BCN Architects)
- Andrew Lapsley, Director/Senior Project Manager, Verve Projects
- Martin Connell, Delivery Manager, Ministry of Education

**All most welcome**

#### Voting for College Board of Trustee Members Now Started



#### ASHBURTON COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES TRIENNIAL PARENT ELECTION - 2022

The option of parent elections every eighteen months has been taken by this Board to allow for continuity of membership.

Six nominations have now been received for the three positions.

For those on the College Voting Roll voting papers and candidates' statements have been posted out, with a Freepost return-addressed envelope.

**Take this opportunity to lodge your vote.**

The voting paper can be returned by hand-delivery or by post, in the return-addressed envelope provided, or another envelope if you choose.

If posting, your vote **must** be received by the Returning Officer no later than

**5 days after the date of the election** (by Monday 12 September 2022). Post as early as possible as New Zealand Post has reduced postal delivery days in most areas.

**If delivering your voting paper, deliver it in an envelope, to:** Sheena Tyrrell, Returning Officer, Ashburton College, 27 Walnut Avenue, Ashburton.

This must be delivered **before 4:00pm** on Wednesday 07 September.

**Voting papers must not be emailed or faxed.**

Sheena Tyrrell, Returning Officer  
Email: ts@ashcoll.school.nz  
027 247 8003

#### Year 13 Business Studies Pure Air Company has Car Air Fresheners for Sale

Pure Air is a Year 13 Business Studies company from Ashburton College.

**Our business is selling car air fresheners - for \$6.00 each or 2 for \$10.00.**

The scents we have to offer are -

- lime and coconut
- pineapple lumps
- strawberries and cream
- hubba bubba grape
- french vanilla
- watermelon lemonade

For each air freshener sold we will be donating \$0.10 of our profits to the Cancer Society.

If you are interested in purchasing our product please feel free to contact us at:

harg8272@student.ashcoll.school.nz or view our instagram @pureair\_



### Events

#### Successful College Production -

#### Midsummer Night's Dream

From 10-13 August, more than 750 audience members of all ages were treated to the magical and crazy world of Midsummer Night's Dream - the major College production for 2022.

With COVID being such a part of our lives for the past two-plus years, College has been unable to mount a large-scale production since 2019.

Co-director Claire Bubb said that it is so important in the life of a College that the Performing Arts are focused on and celebrated, as they are such a vital part of the fabric of our everyday lives.

Students grow and change when they are touched by the camaraderie and the expressive nature of theatre, providing an experience and a memory which will last long past their school years.

This year's unique and fresh take on the well-known comedy, Midsummer Night's Dream was no exception.

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The College version focused on the crazy things we do for love, and on the lengths we'll go to when love is denied. It also looked at how a very restrictive society perhaps encourages the young people within it to seek alternatives to find their true passion.

This was the case with Hermia, whose father wouldn't let her marry the man of her choice, but instead insisted that she marry the person of his choice. The alternative, if she refused her father's wishes, was death. So, the couple ran away to the magical forest so that they could be together.

Of course, life was less restrictive in the forest, but there were arguments afoot here too; between the Fairy King, Oberon and Titania, the Fairy Queen.



(Pictured above): Titania the Fairy Queen (Zoe Ritchie) sleeps under a magical spell.

Chaos, magic, comedy and a clash of the worlds of the Forest and the Court ensued, caused by the mischievous Puck, ending only when reconciliation and connection were restored.



(Pictured right): Puck (Charlotte Livingstone) creates havoc in the forest.

#### Student Cast Members were -

**The Magicals** - Oberon, King of the Fairies | Max Nicol  
Titania, Queen of the Fairies | Zoe Ritchie  
Puck - A Mischievous Spirit | Charlotte Livingstone  
The Child | Neilan Raukawa  
Mustardseed | Hayley McQuillan-Ross  
Peaseblossom | Tamsin Cartney  
Cobweb | Zoe Nicholls

#### Sprites | Dancers -

Maddison Davidson, Lara Shierlaw, Ruby Robinson, Olivia Hill, Jess Wilson, Iela Mangubat, Amalia Worsfold, Layla Ward, Niamh Hawe, Lennox Officer, Leane Senekal, Lucy Smith.



(Pictured above): Donkey Girls - The Sprites entertain Bottom, with songs and dance.

**The Nobles** - Theseus | Jack Halford  
Hippolyta | Rachel Hoekstra  
Egeus | Bridgette Charlotte Bell  
Philstrate | Hayle Bell.

#### Members of the Court -

Bella Dawson, Cassie Chamberlain, Simone Forster, Lobato de Faria, Faith Davies, Keira Jenkins, Paige Homer, Alice Homer, Bella Robertson.

#### The Couples -

Hermia | Laura Bogdan/Maddie Page;  
Helena | Olivia Fox/Libby Alford; Lysander | Finn Brown;  
Demetrius | Luke Rhodes.

#### The Actors (The Mechanicals) -

Bottom | Pyramus | Liam Walker (Weaver)  
Quince | Prologue | Briar Clark (Carpenter)  
Snug | Lion | Chloe Lovett (Cabinet maker)  
Snout | Wall | Isabel Wall (Handyman)  
Flute | Thisbe | Isla Watt (Bellows-repairman)  
Starveling | Moonshine | Isabel Wang (Tailor)  
Dog | Freddy Bubb



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(Pictured right): The Bumbling Actors, led by Bottom (Liam Walker), rehearse in the Forest.

As well as a stellar cast of around fifty students from Year 9 to 13, we were also lucky to be able to reach out into our very talented and creative community with parent Candy Clark designing costumes, parent Cherie Livingstone as our set designer and former students Anna Raukawa and Madi Wilson as our choreographers.

We also had a large team of students and creative staff within College who supported the cast in terms of set, props and costume construction, backstage and in a technical theatre sense.

It really did take a whole village to mount this production and we are very proud of our whole parent, student and staff team in bringing this magical dream to the stage!

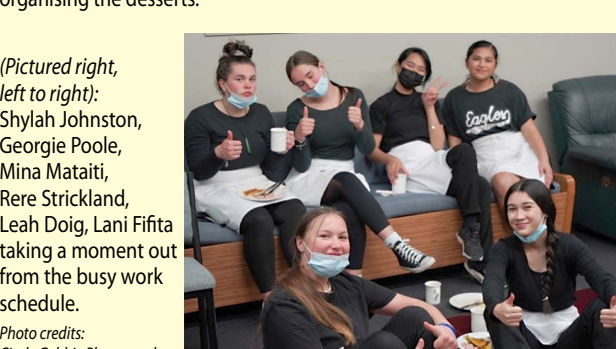
College thanks Head of Drama Claire Bubb and Arts Head of Faculty Alister Emerson, Midsummer Night's Dream Directors for their inspiration, motivation and hard work given to co-ordinating and providing this opportunity for students and audiences.

#### Hospitality Students Cater at Ashburton Cadet Unit Dinner

Towards the end of Term Two six Year 12 Hospitality students worked as wait staff for the Ashburton Cadet Unit's formal Dinner and Awards ceremony.



(Pictured above, left to right): Shylah Johnston; Leah Doig; Mina Mataiti organising the desserts.



(Pictured right, left to right): Shylah Johnston, Georgie Poole, Mina Mataiti, Rere Strickland, Leah Doig, Lani Fifita taking a moment out from the busy work schedule.

Photo credits: Cindy Gebbie Photography

#### Road Safety Education Ltd - RYDA

#### Workshops for Students and Bridgestone Partnership

Road Safety Education Ltd (RSE) is a not-for-profit, leading learning organisation operating throughout New Zealand and Australia, committed to saving lives through the provision of world class road safety education.

At the heart of their programmes is RYDA (Rotary Youth Driver Awareness), a whole-school approach partnership. RYDA features a one-day workshop which front-loads students' understanding of road safety and gives tools, habits and motivation to take action and stay safe on our road, as both drivers and passengers.

Ashburton College Year 12 students take part in this programme annually, with appreciation for its availability due to support from sponsors and the Ashburton District Council and local Rotary Clubs and their members' voluntary input on the day. Key corporate and community partners in New Zealand are RYDA, BOC A Linde Company, New Zealand Steel, Bridgestone and VTNZ. For College students the programme took place in the latter part of Term Two.

There were a number of rotational workshops available, including two related to the factors needing to be considered and processed as we drive, including in different environments.

Facilitators addressed laws, distractions, risk management, social resilience, speed and stopping, peripheral vision, and other critical road safety topics.



(Pictured right): Students participating in a workshop considering how emotions at the time can impact on driving skills and sense of responsibility.



#### Safe following and stopping distances

This workshop provides very visible images of the importance of travelling a safe distance behind a preceding vehicle, and the distance it takes to make an emergency stop in the event of the unexpected, including a child running out in front of a vehicle.



(Pictured above): In this demonstration the stopping time was insufficient to avoid hitting 'the child'.



#### Ashburton College Awarded the Bridgestone Excellence in Road Safety Education Award



Bridgestone's ongoing support of the RYDA programme and the Supporting Excellence in Road Safety Education award are demonstrations of the Bridgestone E8 commitment.

Ashburton College places road safety as one of the pillars of its commitment to their Mission Statement of Individual Excellence in a Supportive Learning Environment, with more than 1000 students taking part in this programme since 2018. At the presentation it was said that, beyond College's outstanding commitment to RYDA, the College has also integrated road safety into the general curriculum and has dedicated staff members teaching road safety to students.

In supporting this programme and acknowledging Bridgestone's contribution, Ashburton College said that 'Ashburton College is absolutely committed to the safety of our students on our roads; as drivers and passengers. Living and driving in a rural-based district calls for a range of well-practised, rehearsed driver skills and knowledge which is retained. The practical realism of the RYDA Programme's workshops and demonstrations challenges young people's awareness of safety aspects and potential hazards, how to avoid the horrors of irreversible risks, and the need to be responsible behind the wheel, including as a passenger.

As an external provider, RYDA adds meaningful value through their well-constructed, self-discovery programme. At College we remain genuinely appreciative of this quality, worthwhile opportunity for our students. It is an important event in the calendar for our Year 12 students.'

Road Safety Education's General Manager for New Zealand, Maria Lovelock, said that Ashburton College's ongoing support of RYDA is just one of the ways the school is showcasing road safety within its cohort, endorsing that they are 'thrilled that Ashburton College places such a significance on arming their students with the knowledge and strategies to identify potentially unsafe behaviours on the road and empowering them to speak up and drive positive outcomes'.



(Pictured left, left to right): Ashburton College Deputy Principal Hannibal Ikahihifo holding the Bridgestone presentation award, with RYDA Naomh Cusin (Road Safety Educator) and Pete Garden of Bridgestone.

#### Student Competition Winner - Sunny Rana

Student attendees at RYDA Workshops have the opportunity to enter the VTNZ and RYDA Prezzy Card Student Competition, after attending the event.

Year 12 student Sunny Rana was one who chose to go online and enter. Last week, a card and winning advice was received at College and his \$50 Prezzy Card presented to Sunny at College last Thursday.



### Congratulations

#### Success at 2022 SKODA South Island Schools' Cyclocross Championships



Sixty three riders from thirty three South Island schools competed in the South Island Schools' Cyclocross Championships held in Timaru on Sunday 24 July 2022.

Cyclocross involves biking multiple laps of a short course; featuring a mix of pavement, trails, grass, steep hills and obstacles which require the rider to dismount and carry the bike.

The Timaru course in the Scenic Reserve had all these features, but recent rains turned the grass sections to muddy bogs which made staying on the bike very difficult (but this was exciting for spectators!).

(Pictured above): Oli Nicholls in action, with clear evidence of the muddy sections showing.

#### 3rd Placing in Under 17 Boys' Category for Oli Nicholls

Year 11 student Oli produced consistent lap times in the difficult conditions, which earned him 3rd place in the Under 17 Boys' category. It is notable that his times would have placed him near the top of the Under 20 Boys' category, which makes this a strong showing.

While cyclocross is usually raced on cyclocross bikes, Cycling Schools' NZ now allows mountain bikes to race in all categories, and Coach/Manager Tabitha Armour said this has seen the numbers grow in the last couple of years.



(Pictured above, far right): Oli Nicholls on the third place podium step, with his bronze medal.