



Ashburton College – Key Dates for 2026

📅 Welcome to the 2026 school year! Below are the important dates and term information to help you prepare for a successful year at Ashburton College.

◆ Start of Year – January 2026

📅 **21st–23rd January (Wed–Fri)** — *Leadership Course*

For selected students. Details to be provided.

📅 **26th January (Mon)** — 🚌 *Buses Begin Operating*

📅 **27th–29th January (Tues–Thurs)** — *International Student Orientation*

📅 **30th January (Fri)** — 🎓 *Year 9 and Year 13 First Day*

📅 **2nd February (Monday)** — 🎓 **All students at school**

First official school day for students in Year 9 and Year 13. Welcome sessions and timetables will be shared closer to the time.

📅 Term Dates & Public Holidays

📅 Term 1 | 10 Weeks

📅 **Starts: Friday 30th Jan**

📅 **Ends: Thursday 2 April**

◆ **Waitangi Day:** Fri 6 Feb

◆ **Easter:** Falls during school holidays – Good Friday 3 April, Easter Sunday 6 April

📅 Term 2 | 11 Weeks

📅 **Starts: Monday 20 April**

📅 **Ends: Friday 3 July**

◆ **ANZAC Day (Observed):** Mon 27 April

◆ **King's Birthday:** Mon 1 June

◆ **Matariki:** Fri 10 July (*during holidays*)

📅 Term 3 | 10 Weeks

📅 **Monday 20 July – Friday 25 September**

📅 **Term 4 | Finishing dates to be advised.**

📅 **Starts: Monday 12 October**

📅 **Ends: No later than Friday 18 December – exact dates to be confirmed**

◆ **Labour Day:** Monday 26 October