



Ashburton College

Individual Excellence in a Supportive Learning Environment

Criteria for Academic Blues

During the academic year students gain Excellence and Merit credits from:

- ✓ Internal Achievement Standard assessments
- ✓ External Achievement Standards
- ✓ Unit Standard assessments (where the teacher in their professional judgement deems the students work to be equivalent to the standard of Excellence for an Achievement Standard)

To be eligible for any of the awards listed below all of the following requirements must be met:

1. All of the credits are at or above the NCEA level at which they are receiving the award;
2. All of the credits are achieved within the College calendar year; and
3. The student gained the credits whilst at, and is currently enrolled at Ashburton College.

Criteria for Receiving an Academic Performance Award

The student achieves a total of 50 or more Excellence and Merit credits combined. Each qualifying student receives a Performance Certificate.

Criteria for Receiving an Academic Blues Award

The student achieves 50 or more Excellence credits.

Each qualifying student receives an Academic Blues Certificate and a Blues badge, but do not also receive a Performance Award.

Criteria for being Awarded the Top Scholar Award

The student achieves the greatest score based on a calculation of Grade Point Average being:

The sum of (4 x total number of Excellence credits + 3 x total number of Merit credits + 2 x total number of Achieved credits) all divided by Total number of credits entered.

This student also receives a Top Scholar Certificate and a Colours badge.

Note- Where two or more students achieve the same GPA score there is a process for separating them based on a finer grained analysis of comparative achievement. Details of this are available on request from the College Office.

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