

Education

Below is a list of educational facilities available in the Ashburton District

Mid-Canterbury (between Rakaia and Rangitata rivers) Early Childhood centres

Early Childhood

ABC
122-124 Harrison St, Ashburton

Contact: Linda Sticklely

Ph: 03 3077407

<http://www.beststarteducare.co.nz/education-and-care-centres/centres/abc-allenton.aspx>

Allenton Kindergarten
46 Allens Rd, Ashburton
Ph/Fax: 03 308 7896

email

Ashburton Baptist Early Learning Centre

8 Eton Street, Ashburton

Manager:

Lorraine Bennet

Ph: 03 308 2325

Fax: 03 307 1104

email

- www.facebook.com/Ashburton-Baptist-Preschool-1761073800780868

Ashburton Kindergarten Association

42 Cambridge Street

Ph/Fax 03 308 3779

email

- www.ashburtonkindergartens.org.nz - www.facebook.com/ashburtonkindergartens

Ashburton Montessori

Pre School

174-176 Chalmers Ave, Ashburton

Owner / Manager: Lauren Barltrop and Tessa Skevington

Ph: 03 308 0380

email

- www.facebook.com/Ashburton-Montessori-Preschool-1512589925709147

Ashburton Playcentre

45 Park St, Ashburton

Ph/Fax: 03 307 6367

email: - <http://www.playcentre.org.nz/> www.facebook.com/midcanterburyplaycentre

Aubrey Mason Kindergarten
136 Thomson St, Tinwald
Ph/Fax: 03 308 4379

email

Childs Play Pre School

21-23 Main South Road. Tinwald

Manager: Leone McBride

Ph: 03 308 2959

email

- www.childsplaypreschool.ac.nz

Dorie Community Pre School
97 Dorie School Road, RD11, Rakaia

Manager: Deanne Holland

Ph: 03 302 0989

email

<http://www.doriepreschool.co.nz/>

Footsteps Education Ltd

Home-based educators available throughout Mid Canterbury.

Phone: 0800 FOOTSTEPS (366 878)

<http://www.footsteps.co.nz>

Hampstead Kindergarten
44 Cambridge St, Ashburton
Ph/Fax: 03 308 3954

email

Hannah n Henry Childhood Centre

27 Elizabeth St, Ashburton

Ph: 308 0223

www.facebook.com/Hannah-n-Henrys-Early-Childhood-Centre-1150942118279883

Headstart Early Learning Centre

30 Rogers St

Hinds RD5

Owner/Manager: Emma Harmer

Ph 303 7805

email

Hinds Playcentre
Rhodes Street - Next to Hinds School, Hinds
Ph:027 753 6058

www.facebook.com/hindsplaycentre

Jigsaw Preschool

80 Peter Stree, Ashburton

Manager: Ashleigh May

Ph: 308 1379

email
- www.facebook.com/JigsawPreschool

Lauriston Playcentre
Memorial Hall, Coleridge Street - Next to Lauriston School, Lauriston
Ph: 027 249 6614

Leap A-head Early Childhood Centre
6 Methven Chertsey Rd, Methven

ph: 03 3028991

www.facebook.com/Leap-Ahead-Early-Childhood-Centre-321900684502464

Longbeach Playcentre
Boundary Rd - Next to Longbeach School, Longbeach
Ph: 022 647 5706

www.facebook.com/Longbeach-Playcentre-365121130331668

Mayfield Playcentre

2016 Arundel Rakaia Gorge Rd, Mayfield
Ph: 303 6312

Merle Leask Kindergarten
34 Davis Crescent, Ashburton
Ph/Fax: 03 308 3337

email

Methven Playcentre
21 South Belt Methven

Ph: 302 9189

www.facebook.com/Methven.Playcentre

Methven Pre-School & Learning Centre
21 South Belt

Methven
Ph/Fax 03 302 8564

email

Mt. Somers/Staveley Playcentre
Pattons Road, Mt Somers
Ph: 021 160 8346

www.facebook.com/mtsomersstaveleyplaycentre

PORSE In-Home Childcare

Ashburton

Ph: 03 308 8803 or 0800 023456

email ::

<http://www.porse.co.nz>

Phoenix Preschool Inc.

Walnut Ave, Ashburton

Head Teacher:

Ange Ross

Ph: 03 308 8461

email :: <http://www.phoenixpreschool.co.nz/>

Rakaia Childcare & Preschool Ltd

52 Dunford Street, Rakaia

Manager: Sonia Sturley

Ph: 03 302 7543

email:

<https://www.rakaialittlelearners.co.nz/>

Rakaia Playcentre
Mackie Street - Next to Rakaia School, Rakaia

Ph: 027 627 3081

www.facebook.com/rakaiaplaycentre

Rising Stars Preschool
20 Middle Road, Ashburton

Manager: Heather Kissell

Ph: 03 307 7157

www.facebook.com/www.risingstars.co.nz

Stepping Stones @ Braebrook

1-3 Redhaven Rise, Braebrook

PO Box 353

Ashburton

Manager: Kim Wall

Ph: 022 061 4672

email::

<http://www.steppingstones.net.nz>

www.facebook.com/steppingstonesbraebrook

Thomas St. Kindergarten
21 Thomas St, Ashburton
Ph/Fax: 03 308 9587

email

Tiddlywinks Preschool Ltd
21 Archibald Street

Tinwald

Ashburton

Centre Directors: Amanda Moore and Stephanie Hansen
Ph: 307 0420

email - <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Tiddlywinks-Preschool-Ltd/82178391127>

All of the Early Childhood Centres on this list are licensed with the Ministry of Education and all use the same Early Childhood New Zealand curriculum. When choosing an Early Childhood Centre for your child/children there are many factors to consider, some of which are:

Location – Some people choose close to home, some people choose close to work, although in Ashburton everything is pretty close.

Teachers – ask who is going to be the Primary and Secondary (main and back-up) teachers for your child. It is important for healthy attachments and the settling in process to have one main teacher that your child can rely on for their routine needs and comfort.

Meals – What meals/snacks are provided? How are dietary needs catered for when doing baking as an experience at preschool? What foods are not allowed at preschool? (Due to allergies and Healthy Heart Award programme).

Recommendations – Ask around and see what preschools your friends take their children to, just keep in mind that other people had their reasons for choosing that particular preschool and what suits one family may not suit another.

Hours – Check whether the hours of opening suit your needs and also how many hours the centre would like you to book your child in for each day. This may not always suit your work hours. Book your child in for a little extra before your start time at work so it gives you time to settle your child in at the start of the day and not be in a rush to get to work and the same at the end of the day, allow time from finishing work to collecting your child at their booked in time.

Philosophy – Each Early Childhood Centre runs to their own general philosophy.

Outings – Some Early Childhood Centres take the children on outings in the community, sometimes planned and sometimes spontaneous (there is a different ratio of teachers:children when they go on outings.)

*****Have fun finding the right Early Childhood Service for your family, remember to go and visit (unannounced) to as many as you would like to check out. You will know when you look around and also how your child reacts if it is the right Early Childhood Centre for you.

District Schools

Allenton

110 Harrison Street, Ashburton

Principal:

Bruce Tilby

Ph: 03 308 6495

Fax: 03 308 6492

email

Ashburton Borough
Winter Street, Ashburton

Principal:

Hilary Boyce

Ph: 03 307 8529

Fax: 03 308 1290

email :: <http://www.ashborough.school.nz/>

Ashburton Christian School

Albert St, Ashburton

Principal:

Tim Kuipers

Ph: 03 307 6340

email

Ashburton College

27 Walnut Avenue

P O Box 204

Ashburton

Principal:

Ross Preece

Ph: 03 308 4193

Fax: 03 308 2104

email :: <http://www.ashburtoncollege.ac.nz/>

Ashburton Intermediate
P O Box 294

Ashburton

Principal:

Brent Gray

Ph: 03 308 9563

Fax: 03 308 9564

email

Ashburton Netherby

Brucefield Ave, Ashburton

Principal:

Phil Wheeler

Ph/Fax: 03 308 5799

email

<http://www.netherbyschool.co.nz>

Carew Peel Forest

RD5, Ashburton

Principal:

Kay Ward

Ph: 03 696 3556

Fax: 03 696 3793

email

Chertsey
RD2, Ashburton

Principal:

Sarah Coard

Ph: 03 302 2727

Fax: 03 302 2927

email

Dorie

RD11, Rakaia

Principal:

Sue Walls

Ph: 03 302 0862

Fax: 03 302 0845

email

Fairton
RD2, Ashburton

Principal:

Mike Hill
Ph/Fax: 03 308 9205

email

Hampstead

55 Wellington Street, Ashburton

Principal:

Peter Melrose

Ph: 03 308 6476

Fax: 03 308 2108

email :: <http://www.hampsteadschool.co.nz/>

Hinds
RD5, Ashburton

Principal:

Vicki McIntyre

Ph: 03 303 7208

Fax: 03 303 7209

email

<http://www.hinds.school.nz/>

Lauriston

RD2, Ashburton

Principal:

Colin Brodie

Ph: 03 302 4799

Fax: 03 302 4011

email

Longbeach
RD4, Ashburton

Principal:

Neil Simons
Ph: 03 302 6643

Fax: 03 302 6871

email

<http://www.longbeach.school.nz>

Mayfield
RD5, Ashburton

Principal:

Richard Kidd

Ph: 03 303 6214

Fax: 03 303 6514

email

<http://www.mayfieldschool.co.nz>

Methven Primary

McDonald Street, Methven

Principal:

Chris Murphy

Ph: 03 302 8500

Fax: 03 302 8520

email

Mount Hutt College
44 Main Street, Methven 7730

Principal:

John Schreurs

Ph: 03 302 8437

Fax: 03 302 8328

email :: <http://mounthuttcollege.co.nz/>

Mt Somers - Springburn

RD1, Ashburton

Principal:

Ph: 03 303 9892

Fax: 03 303 9894

email

Our Lady of the Snows

Main Street, Methven

Principal:

Tony Lamb

Ph: 03 302 8250

Fax: 03 302 8350

email

<http://www.ladysnow.school.nz/>

Rakaia

Dunford St, Rakaia

Principal:

Mark Ellis

Ph: 03 302 7113

Fax: 03 302 7917

email

St Josephs

Havelock Street, Ashburton

Acting Principal:

Cath Blacklow

Ph: 03 308 5299

Fax: 03 308 0077

email :: <http://www.st-josephs.school.nz/>

Tinwald
131 Thomson St, Tinwald

Principal:

Peter Livingstone

Ph: 03 308 4555

Fax: 03 308 5055

email :: Wiki Pages

Wakanui

RD7, Ashburton

Principal:

Rebekah Clement

Ph: 03 302 3899

Fax: 03 302 3896

email

<http://www.wakanui.school.nz>

Further Education

Ara Institute of Canterbury

37 Alford Forest Road, Ashburton

Ph: 03 308 8280

Fax: 03 308 8872

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Website <http://www.ara.ac.nz>

YMCA Ashburton

Tancred St Mall

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