

Gateway

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Connor McLeod has always enjoyed farming and the opportunity to get outdoors. He was keen to expand his knowledge and explore different areas of agriculture.

Connor applied for and was accepted into the Gateway Programme at Waitaki Boys' High School. It meant he could combine both school and some work experience.



How does it work?

During the first month on the programme, Connor completed a First Aid course and Health & Safety in the Workplace units. He also began some agricultural theory work through Telford.

With the help of the Gateway Co-ordinator, Connor secured a work placement (Friday each week) with **Neville Strachan at Papakaio.**

The work placement enabled Connor to explore a wide range of agricultural work in a supportive environment. This included sheep & beef work, fencing and general farm work. Connor's theory and practical work was monitored by the Gateway Co-ordinator Ms Liardet.

Connor enjoyed the hands on experience of Gateway and getting out in the real world each week. Being a boarder, it meant he could enjoy the opportunity to spend time on a farm with a family each week whilst also attending regular classes at school.