

Gateway

Electrical Technician

Te Meihana Williams was keen to explore becoming an Electrician. Initially he tried General Electrical and then switched to the Electrical Supply Industry and Linesman as a career.

Te Meihana applied for and was accepted into the Gateway Programme at Waitaki Boys' High School. It meant he would remain at school but have a taste of working life also.



How does it work?

During the first month on the programme, Te Meihana completed a First Aid course and Health & Safety in the Workplace units. He also began Electrical Supply theory work through Connexis Training Organisation.

By the end of February, with the help of the Gateway Co-ordinator, Te Meihana gained a work placement (Friday each week) with **Network Waitaki**.

The work placement enabled Te Meihana to complete all the practical aspects of his course and gain valuable experience and training from the staff at Network Waitaki. Te Meihana's theory and practical work was monitored by the Gateway Co-ordinator Ms Liardet.

Te Meihana enjoyed the hands on experience of Gateway and his hard work and dedication paid off with the offer of a Line Mechanic Trainee position with Network Waitaki.