



WAITAKI BOYS' HIGH SCHOOL

Dear Parent / Caregiver,

In 2026 Waitaki Boys' High School will be offering the senior students (Year 12 and 13) 'Gateway' as a NCEA subject.

Gateway involves structured workplace learning. Students undertake a work placement in which their learning in the workplace is assessed against unit standards on the National Qualification Framework. It involves more formalised, structured learning than 'work experience'. Gateway is an excellent opportunity for students to gain specific vocational skills leading to future employment including apprenticeships, make progress towards qualifications in their chosen career and clarify tertiary education choices.

Parental support is essential for Gateway to be successful. It is important that parents and students understand that Gateway students spend a full day in the workplace each week, usually for three school terms. In addition students have a timetabled class during the week at school in which they catch up on work missed and work on Gateway related units.

As there has been a strong show of interest from students to become a part of the Gateway programme for 2026 and there are only eighteen places available, there is an application process. Successful applicants will demonstrate a high level of motivation, strong self-management skills and have a clear vocational focus.

The first stage of the application process involves students and parents filling in the attached application form and returning it to the Career's Room. The Gateway Co-ordinator will consult with other school staff about the suitability of applicants. Selected applicants will then be interviewed before final decisions are made.

Once the students have been selected, the Gateway Co-ordinator will begin to identify possible Gateway employers, based on the students' particular vocational interests. (If any parents/guardians are able to offer a work placement, please don't hesitate to make contact). The Gateway Co-ordinator will also begin to develop the student's individual learning plan in consultation with the student, employer, other staff and Industry Training Organisation or appropriate tertiary provider.

Before the Gateway students begin their work placement in 2026 there will be a preparation period covering; Health and Safety in the Workplace, appropriate attire for the workplace, First Aid etc.

If you would like further information please contact
Anne Liardet Gateway Co-ordinator 03 437 0529 ext 0838
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Waitaki Boys' High School

Gateway Application Form 2026

Personal Details

Please complete this form and return to the Career's room asap.

Name:

Address:

Phone (Home): Mobile:

Email address:

Driver's licence type:

Year Level in 2026:

Any health concerns that may need to be accommodated:

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Academic

Subjects taken in 2025:	Subjects chosen for 2026:

Hobbies & Interests

Out-of-school commitments eg: sport, music lessons:

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Work Experience

Do you have a part time job? Or have you done any work experience in the holidays?
(include paid and voluntary):

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Goals and Expectations for your future

All students are at different stages with their career planning. Please indicate below how you are going with your career decisions.

- ☐ I have a really good idea about what I want to do when I leave school
- ☐ I have some ideas
- ☐ I have no idea

List 3 possible career pathways you would like to explore **in the future**. Don't worry, these choices may and often change as we get to experience what it is really like.

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2.
3.

Do you know any employers that you would like to work for?

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What are your intentions at this stage about further secondary/tertiary education and training (tick all that apply):

- ☐ Complete Level 2
- ☐ Complete Level 3
- ☐ Apprenticeship / work based training
- ☐ Polytech course
- ☐ University

Any further information that you would like to share that may help with your application:

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Student's signature:

Parent/Caregiver's signature:

If you have any questions or need help completing this form, please contact:

Ms Liardet (Gateway Co-ordinator)

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