

Gateway Engineering

Jason Black has always been interested in metal and welding and was keen to explore Mechanical Engineering as a career. Jason 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, Jason completed a First Aid course and Health & Safety in the Workplace units. He also began engineering theory work through Skills-4-Work Training Organisation. By the end of February, with the help of the Gateway Co-ordinator, Jason gained a work placement (Friday each week) with Oamaru Maintenance & Repair.

The work placement enabled Jason to complete all the practical aspects of his course and gain valuable experience and training from the staff at Oamaru Maintenance & Repair. Jason's theory and practical work was monitored by the Gateway Co-ordinator Ms Liardet.

Jason enjoyed the hands on experience of Gateway and working in an adult environment.