

Gateway Agriculture

From a farming background, Lachie Mee was keen to expand his knowledge and explore different areas of agriculture. Lachie 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, Lachie completed a First Aid course and Health & Safety in the Workplace units. He also began agricultural theory work through Telford.

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

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

Lachie 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 each week whilst also attending regular classes at school.

Lachie was fortunate to be offered a position at Coleridge Downs Cadet Training in the Rakaia Gorge.