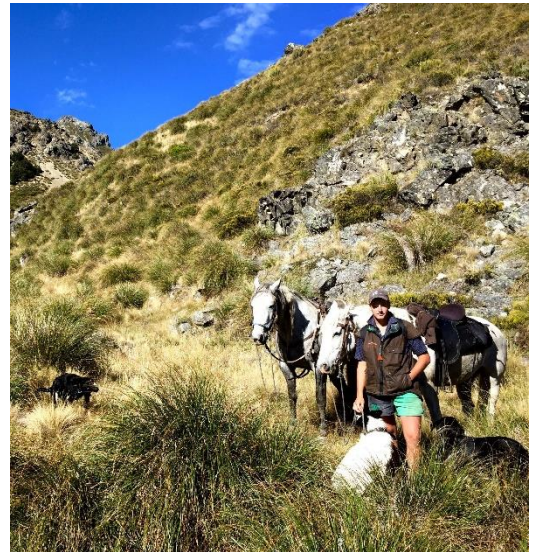


Gateway Sheep and Beef

Riley Bell-Taylor has always been keen on the outdoors and high country farming. He was keen to explore Sheep & Beef Farming as a career. Riley applied for and was accepted into the Gateway Programme at Waitaki Boys' High School. He saw it as an opportunity to give it a go while he was still at school.



How does it work

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

By the end of February, with the help of the Gateway Co-ordinator, Riley secured a work placement (Friday each week) with Bannockburn Station.

The work placement enabled Riley to build on his practical knowledge and learn more with on-the-job training. Riley's theory and practical work was monitored by the Gateway Co-ordinator Ms Liardet.

Riley enjoyed the hands on experience of Gateway and getting out in the real world each week.

Since leaving Waitaki Boys High School, Riley has taken on a high country role at Flock Hill in North Canterbury.