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Jai Rawson enjoys the hands-on nature of electrical work. He thought he'd like to get an Electrical Apprenticeship when he left school.

Jai applied for and was accepted into the Gateway Programme at Waitaki Boys' High School. There are limited places on the course and students are interviewed to help decide if they are suitable candidates. Ideally students should demonstrate maturity, focus and an interest in particular career.



How does it work?

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

By the end of February, with the help of the Gateway Co-ordinator, Jai secured a work placement (Friday each week) with **Plunket Electrical**. The work placement meant Jai got to try a range of activities and gained valuable experience and training from the team at Plunket electrical including general electrical, data and security services and electrical appliances.

The opportunity to work one day a week to try out a real career in a real workplace is something Jai really enjoyed. Jai's hard work and dedication paid off when he was offered an electrical apprenticeship with Plunket Electrical in Oamaru.