



Applying for Gateway in 2026

Otago Boys' High School

To be considered for The Gateway Experience in 2026, please email or see Ms Irving to join the **Gateway Applications for 2026 Google Classroom**. Applications must be submitted through this format.

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Record as much detail as possible on your application form. We need to offer, where possible, a range of experiences to accommodate students. You need to be able to cope with up to twenty days off timetable to gain work experience and still meet your academic obligations across other subjects. Placement happens one day a week. There is an expectation that you will secure 20 NCEA credits from Unit Standards attached to Gateway, which are spread across NCEA Levels one, two, and three. There is a maximum of 20 Gateway places for 2026.

**Applications are considered by a panel.** You may be required to attend a meeting with a panel member or Ms. Irving if we need to clarify your choices and suitability. Priority is given to Year 13 students.

### The Timeline and Process

1. **Wednesday 3rd September**- Senior Subject Information Evening. Applications go live on a new Google Classroom. The link will be shared that evening.
2. **Friday 5th September**- Applications advertised through the School Newsletter and Facebook page with the link to the Application form
3. **Friday 19th September -Applications close.**
4. Confirmation that your application has been received will be sent out via comments from Google Classroom to your school email.
5. NZQA, Interim report effort grades, attendance data, and vocational choice will be collated by Ms Irving.
6. The Panel of Mr. Hall, Mr. Sullivan, Mr. Harvey, and Ms Irving will meet early in term four.
7. **Monday 20th October onwards** -Students will be advised by email of their selection, and alternative pathway opportunities available to them offered or declined.
8. **Monday 20th October**- Ms Irving will contact successful students to realign their timetables to fit Gateway into it as a subject in 2026. This will be uploaded onto the Kamar timetables by Ms Gorman.
9. **7th November**- Provisional letters will be sent for Gateway 2026. (Placement is subject to the outcome of external examination results.) Conditional offers and matching with 2026 employers commence with Ms Cross our Gateway Employer Liaison.
10. - Consent forms from parents/ caregivers are to be returned to Ms Irving by email for placement matching for 2026. Site visits to approve/ vet new 2026 employers commence.



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**You need to complete this digitally here, as all applications will be processed through this Applying for Gateway 2026 Google Classroom.**

Record your full name

Year Level in 2026

1 Record the Industry you are applying for and the type of work experience you are keen for.

2 Record any previous experience in your chosen industry( e.g. seeking Engineering and have taken Level 2 Workshop Technology Metal.)

3 Record why you are interested in this Industry or type of work experience.

4 Record any previous work experience, paid or unpaid you have undertaken.

5 What skills can you offer a potential host employer?

6 What is the current status of your driver's licence? When will you get your full licence?

7 What interests and hobbies do you have?

8 What are your strengths and weaknesses?

9 Do you have any contact details for a potential employer to host you or another student? If so, record these details here. ( Note -**This does not impact on your selection**)

10. Record the six subjects you have on your timetable in 2025

11. Record the six subjects you are taking in 2026. **Excluding Gateway.**

12. Record what other commitments you have e.g., part-time work, rowing, rugby, and the days of the week you are unavailable to undertake work experience. Note Gateway is designed to be a Thursday or Friday experience in 2026, where possible. Placements are often outside of school hours eg 7.30 am to 4.30pm.

13. Indicate how you cope with meeting deadlines and your ability to cope with your NCEA coursework if only doing four days a week in classes.

14. Tell us anything else about you that you think is important for the selection team to know.