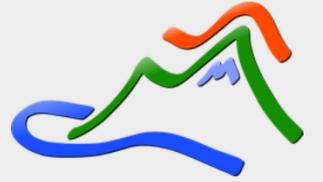




GATEWAY: A PATHWAY TO A CAREER IN THE OUTDOORS



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GATEWAY AT THE BOYLE

At Boyle River Outdoor Education Centre (BROEC), Gateway isn't just a placement, it's a real-world stepping stone into outdoor leadership, conservation, and recreation careers.

If you are a student that is curious about becoming an outdoor instructor, DOC ranger, conservation worker, or leader in their community – this programme gives you a hands-on experience, industry-recognised credits, and the confidence to take your next step!



WHY CHOOSE THE BOYLE GATEWAY PROGRAMME?

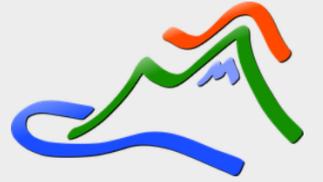
- ✓ Earn NCEA credits
- ✓ Gain real industry experience
- ✓ Build confidence, leadership and resilience
- ✓ Develop practical workplace skills
- ✓ Explore careers in conservation and outdoor leadership

After completing the Boyle River Gateway programme, past students confidently say they can:

- Apply health and safety practices in an outdoor environment
- Identify and manage risks in the outdoors
- Communicate effectively in a workplace setting
- Interpret weather information for outdoor planning
- Use two-way radios in field situations
- Complete and reflect on a structured work placement
- Write reports to industry standard



HOW THE PROGRAMME WORKS



The Boyle Gateway placement is structured into **three** parts:

PART 1 – PRE-REQUISITES (COMPLETED AT SCHOOL)

- Health & Safety course (Unit Standard 497 – 3 credits)
- First Aid course (Unit Standards 6400, 6401, 6402 – 3 credits)
- Pre-placement research and goal setting

This ensures students arrive prepared and ready to engage.


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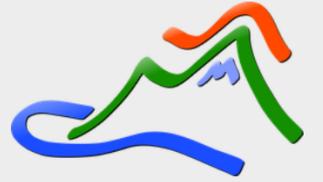
PART 2 – PREPARATION WEEK AT THE BOYLE (MINIMUM 36 HOURS)

Students spend a week immersed in practical training at the Boyle. They:

- Participate in tramping and overnight camping
- Learn hazard identification and safety systems
- Develop communication and leadership skills
- Practice emergency procedures
- Work within structured team environments

Food, accommodation, specialist equipment, supervision and transport from Christchurch are included.

HOW THE PROGRAMME WORKS (CONT'D)



PART 3 – WORK PLACEMENT WEEK (MINIMUM 36 HOURS)

- Students return as Trainee Leaders with the Boyle OR head out with DOC as Trainee Rangers
- They take on real responsibilities within our programmes and operations or completing real field-work with DOC.
- This week provides authentic workplace experience in an alpine outdoor education setting.



DATES ARRANGED BY 
SCHOOL/PARTICIPANT

WHAT MAKES THE BOYLE DIFFERENT?

Real Industry Experience!

The Boyle is located near Lewis Pass, approximately 2 hours from Christchurch and 40 minutes from Hanmer Springs.

Students operate in an authentic alpine environment alongside land managed largely by the Department of Conservation.

This is not simulated training, it is real outdoor work!



PROFESSIONAL INSTRUCTION & SUPERVISION

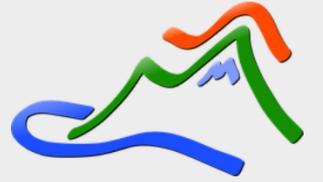
All Boyle instructors meet WorkSafeNZ and AdventureMark standards and Boyle River is audited annually to ensure compliance.

In addition, all Boyle staff are police vetted and child protection trained and there is a clear supervision structure around-the-clock.

Students are not only supervised — they are mentored!



STRONG FOCUS ON SAFETY AND THE ENVIRONMENT



SAFETY

Working in an alpine environment comes with risk. At the Boyle, risk is actively managed through:

- Documented Safety Operation Plans
- Hazard identification systems
- Emergency procedures
- Trained and assessed instructors
- Student involvement in risk awareness

We teach students not just to follow safety systems, but to understand and apply them.

ENVIRONMENT

We operate under a “People and Planet” philosophy:

- Composting and recycling systems
- Teaching Leave No Trace principles
- Encouraging environmental responsibility
- Developing future leaders who value conservation

Gateway students experience sustainability as lived practice, not just theory.

WHAT STUDENTS GAIN BEYOND CREDITS

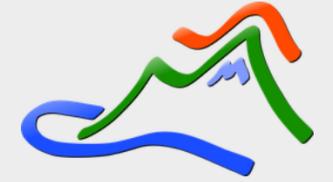
The Boyle Gateway Programme develops:

- Communication and teamwork skills
- Leadership and decision-making ability
- Increased confidence and resilience
- Environmental awareness
- Work readiness
- Personal responsibility



Since 1978, the Boyle has impacted over 134,000 participants. Gateway students become part of that legacy.

COST AND INCLUSIONS



CATERING OPTIONAL FOR PART 3

Part 1	Part 2	Part 3 (Food Incl.)	Part 3 (Food Excl.)
No Cost (School to Organise)	\$950	\$950	\$800

INCLUDED

- Instruction & facilitation
- Assessment & moderation
- Accommodation
- Transport from Christchurch
- Specialist equipment
- Administration
- Industry connections
- Food (Part 2, Part 3 optional)

FOR SCHOOLS AND GATEWAY COORDINATORS

We work closely with schools to ensure:

- Clear communication and reporting
- Assessment material forwarded to schools
- Results sent directly to the Gateway Coordinator
- Support for sub-contracting agreements where required

We understand compliance requirements and align our processes to support your reporting and moderation obligations.



READY TO TAKE THE NEXT STEP?

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

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