




Meet the 2023 Cadets

	<p>Ella Dopson, 17 from Taumarunui. I enjoy motor cross and trail riding. I have a big interest in cars and mechanics. I came to Otiwhiti to gain more experience, knowledge, and hands-on training, especially with dog training. I enjoy how kind and helpful everyone is at Otiwhiti, meeting new people and just the overall experience Otiwhiti has to offer. Once I've completed my level 3 in Agriculture, I want to get a hard-working job that I can get excited about every day.</p>
	<p>Gem Osborn, 17 from Wanganui. My hobbies are horse riding, spending time with my dogs, walking and being active. I also enjoy socialising with family and friends. In my spare time I foster kittens and puppies from SPCA and be involved how I can. I came to Otiwhiti to get that practical hands-on experience. What I enjoy about Otiwhiti is meeting new people and learning different techniques for training my dogs. I love all the horses and riding at Otiwhiti. I hope to get my level 3 in Agriculture next year and get a job as a junior shepherd close to the area to further continue to build my knowledge and experience to eventually be a farm manager.</p>
	<p>Kelly Flynn, 19 from Christchurch. I enjoy riding and hanging out with friends. I came to Otiwhiti because I have a passion for farming and want to get involved in the sheep and beef industry. Otiwhiti is a new adventure, it is far away from home and I am excited to meet so many new people. After I complete my level 3 in Agriculture I want to go straight into work and then maybe head back down South to go shepherding.</p>
	<p>Remy Early, 18, Kiwitea. My hobbies are rugby, golf, and hunting. Currently I play rugby for the Manawatu Academy under 20's team. I want to gain more knowledge, experience, skills and get more practice on the farm. At Otiwhiti I really enjoy being out in the hills and out on horses, I especially love the food. Once finishing my year at Otiwhiti, I would like to get a good team of dogs, a good job and continue to do my level 4 in Agriculture.</p>
	<p>Holly Smith, 18 from Coromandel Peninsula. I love anything to do with horses, riding, grooming and farrier skills. I also enjoy hockey, hunting and spear fishing. I came to Otiwhiti to get a good set of base skills. I am enjoying all aspects of Otiwhiti, especially getting out on the horses, learning all the new skills and I am enjoying the morning part of the station routine. I would like to gain a junior shepherding job and continue onto level 4 and then hopefully level 5 in Agricultural studies.</p>
	<p>George McRobie, 17 from Auckland. I enjoy hunting, being in the woolshed, fishing, driving, and eating. I wanted to come to Otiwhiti as I think it is a great place to begin to be a farmer, to make new mates and work harder all together. I love the practical side of work and making new friends and all the nitty gritty. After completing my level 3 in Agriculture I want to get my Level 4 and then Level 5 Agriculture and move to the West Coast to shepherd.</p>
	<p>Sarah Twin, 17 from Nelson. I enjoy skateboarding, and socialising with friends and family. I also enjoy trout fishing. I came to Otiwhiti as I wanted a career in farming and thought Otiwhiti would give me the best start into my farming career. I love that Otiwhiti is a practical school with very hands-on learning. Otiwhiti is a family orientated environment and very welcoming. After finishing my level 3 in Agriculture I would like to stay in the valley and complete levels 4 in Agriculture. I look forward to mustering on horseback with a good team of working dogs.</p>
	<p>Joseph Hall, 18 from Greytown. I enjoy hunting and getting outside. I like spending time with friends and family. I came to Otiwhiti to start my farming career. I like enjoy getting to meet new people and the hands-on learning approach. After completing my level 3 in Agriculture I would like to continue on to Level 4 in Agriculture and secure a junior shepherd job in the valley with a good team of working dogs.</p>
	<p>Stella Allen, 17 from Te Kuiti. My interests are pig hunting, rugby and shearing. I came to Otiwhiti to get more experience in dog training and general knowledge of industry. I wanted to see people's different ways of doing things and to pursue my farming career. I like meeting new people at Otiwhiti and the social side. I like that we are always busy, always doing something and it is never boring. After level 3 in Agriculture, I want to potentially go onto level 4 in Agriculture and move into shepherd or shearing job with the end goal of becoming a manager down South.</p>

	<p>Dannie Ansley, 17 from Hunterville. I enjoy a variety of sports, hunting and working on the farm. At Otiwhiti I want to gain more experience in the sheep and beef industry, I also want to learn how to train dogs. I enjoy the food here and socialising with all the new people. I like seeing how different people work and their techniques. After Otiwhiti I would like to go down south or overseas shepherding, then working my way to farm management.</p>
	<p>Riley Campbell, 18 from Waipukurau, Hawkes Bay. I like hunting, working with my dog, surfing and diving. I came to Otiwhiti to get the best out of me and to learn how to be a good farmer. So far at Otiwhiti I am enjoying being able to spend time with the dogs, and learning new skills. I also enjoy all the courses available and the food. Once I have done my Level 3 in Agriculture I would like to go shepherding up in Wairoa, Gisborne or in the Taihape area. I would like to work my way up to head shepherd and get a team of dogs.</p>
	<p>Briar Beals, 18 from Tokomaru. I enjoy hunting, clay bird shooting, small bore shooting, driving, meeting new people, and spending time with my family. I came to Otiwhiti because I needed more practical experience and wanted to get more qualifications under my belt. I like meeting all of the new people and seeing how the different personalities develop. I love the food. I really enjoy seeing the different ways people do tasks and jobs on the farm. The rooms and living quarters are also nice. After finishing level 3 in Agriculture, I want to complete level 4. I would like to secure a junior shepherd job in the valley or in the Manawatu. I eventually want to work towards management and own my farm one day.</p>
	<p>Kohin Cooksley, 17 from Taranaki. I enjoy rugby, hunting and surfing. I like socialising and meeting new people and getting to know them. I came to Otiwhiti to learn the ropes of sheep and beef farming, and to help me to get a career in agriculture. I especially want to learn shearing and dog training. I love the people, food and hard mahi at Otiwhiti. After Otiwhiti I would like to secure a junior shepherd job in the valley so I can come back and complete Level 4 in Agriculture. I want to work my way up to a stock manager's position.</p>
	<p>Danielle Stewart, 17 from Palmerston North. I enjoy riding motor bikes, playing squash, socialising, and meeting new people. I came to Otiwhiti to gain the basic practical and theoretical skills needed for me to establish a career in agriculture, and to get good connections in the agricultural community and industry. I enjoy the hands-on learning at Otiwhiti and the theory that accompanies the practical. After completing my Level 3 in Agriculture I want to continue onto level 4 and 5 and then gain an agriculture business degree which will lead to a farm manager or ownership role.</p>
	<p>Shakira Papuni, 18 from Opotiki. I enjoy hunting, horse riding, diving, and being with family. I came to Otiwhiti to learn about sheep and beef farming and gain a career in the agricultural industry. I like the hands-on learning, the people and the food at Otiwhiti. I would like to see how things develop over the year, but possibly next year I would like to complete level 4 in Agriculture and get a farming job.</p>
	<p>Danny Cohen, 17 from Pahiatua. I enjoy socialising, seeing family and friends, and spending time with them. I also enjoy the occasional hunt, and I like cars. I came to Otiwhiti to learn about farming, gain knowledge and meet people. I like being able to work outside and with my hands. I have learnt so much new stuff already at Otiwhiti, new experiences, meeting everyone and making new friends. The Otiwhiti environment is good. After completing my Level 3 in Agriculture I want to go shepherding, working way up to farm manager, maybe pursue level 4.</p>
	<p>Izzy Calley, 18 from Hamilton Waikato. I am passionate about horse riding and being active. I came to Otiwhiti to gain new knowledge and experiences, and to pursue a career in farming and make new contacts in the farming industry. I like the variety and opportunity to learn. People are pretty good and the food is great. After finishing my level 3 in Agriculture I would like to continue onto level 4 and 5. Once I have finished all my academics, I will consider going to Australia to the big stations in the future. I would like to stay in the Agricultural sector and see where life takes me.</p>
	<p>Tom Henson, 18 from Sanson. I like playing hockey, motor cross trail bike rides. and hunting. I came to Otiwhiti to gather more knowledge and improve myself as a shepherd and gain more skills in the farming industry. I have enjoyed making new friends and all the new experiences in a short time. I also enjoy horse riding. After Otiwhiti I would like to go shepherding and stay in the farming industry. I would like to stay in the area for a bit then head down South. I would like to continue to expand my team of dogs.</p>