

Support

Bella, Wellington

I was supported by Whitiora staff, Simon and Shane and neighbour Mavis to Pathway's hui at Island Bay's Tapu te Ranga marae.

When we arrived at the marae there were a lot of people from Auckland, Taranaki, Wanganui and Wellington waiting to get called onto the marae.

I enjoyed meeting everybody from different cultures, Chinese, Samoan, Pakeha and Maori. I enjoyed listening to the Maori language that was being spoken as I do not know how to speak the language properly. I made a lot of friends at the hui and I enjoy the kai and the marae and going on the bus with my new friends to Wellington wharf to go on a boat trip to Day's Bay.

We spent two nights and three days at Tapu Te Ranga Marae and I like meeting and doing a lot of things with everybody there but the hardest part for me was walking up and down the hill from the marae as I was not fit and I got tired quickly. The last night there we had a karaoke night and lots of dancing. I enjoyed this as I was dancing with my friends. I have not been to a hui for ages but I enjoyed my stay and I found that I was sad when it was time to come home. I came back to Whitiora very happy and tired.

