**E Hao, E Pao Rangatahi Internship in Primary Health:**

Health Hawke’s Bay has been instrumental in facilitating the first internship for rangatahi.

The whāinga (objective) is to encourage our rangatahi to consider pursuing a career in health. Our goal is to encourage them into primary or secondary health sector workforce.

The internship ran for one week during the school holidays. Our first group of Interns, representatives from their schools, whānau, GPs, and Māori Health Providers were welcomed onto Te Aranga Marae in Flaxmere.

We officially launched and welcomed them into the kaupapa (program). After the pōwhiri, morning tea, whakawhanaungatanga (meet and greet/relationship building), and workshops, the interns left with their GP and Māori Health Provider mentors to start their internship for the week. The interns worked at Tōtara Health, Hastings Health Centre, Te Kupenga Hauora – Ahuriri and The Doctors, Napier.

The interns:

Jai Henare-Hiki (Flaxmere College Head Boy)

Tōtara Health

Jordez Marshall (Flaxmere College)

Tōtara Health

Journey Huata-McRae (Te Wānanga Whare Tapere o Tākitimu)

Hastings Health Centre

Makyla Sutton-Pilcher (Tamatea High School)

Te Kupenga Hauora – Ahuriri

Hailey Nepia (Tamatea High School)

The Doctors, Napier

The internship finished Friday 29th April.

What a fantastic group of young people!

Here's to their future in Health.