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Kia ora. I'm Milly, a second-year student at Te Whare Wānaka o Aoraki, studying a three-year Bachelor of Sustainable Tourism. Over the past year, I have been involved with Te Awhioraki as part of the executive team in the Kaimahi role, which I have absolutely loved. Being involved in the exec has allowed me to meet new people, build relationships, contribute to events and activities, and become more connected to the Māori student community at Lincoln.

I'm very sporty and love being outdoors, with basketball being one of my biggest passions. I also enjoy getting involved in the community and helping wherever I can. Through being on the exec this year, I have developed my confidence, leadership, communication, and organisation skills, while learning how important teamwork and relationships are. I have really enjoyed being part of a team that creates opportunities and a welcoming environment for tauira Māori.

I would bring passion, energy, and dedication to Te Awhioraki in the Kaimahi role next year. After being involved this year, I have seen how much of a difference the group can make for tauira, and I would love the opportunity to continue building on that. I am reliable, organised, positive, and willing to put in the effort to get things done. I also enjoy making sure everyone feels included and supported.

I want to continue supporting tauira Māori because I care about creating a space where people feel comfortable, valued, and connected to their culture. I would love to help create more opportunities for tauira to connect, take part in events, grow in confidence, and celebrate te reo Māori and tikanga. I would be proud to continue contributing to Te Awhioraki and supporting its growth next year.