

YOUNG ENDEAVOUR  YOUTH SCHEME
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Careers Advisor
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Dear Careers Advisor,

The Young Endeavour Youth Scheme is pleased to announce that applications to join a youth development voyage in STS *Young Endeavour* in 2024 are now open!

Since 1988, more than 14,000 young Australians aged between 16-23 years have joined Australia's national Sail Training Ship *Young Endeavour* for the voyage of a lifetime. In 2024 the ship will circumnavigate Australia for the final time before the youth development program is transferred to a new, larger, state-of-the-art vessel, currently under construction.

Each voyage in STS *Young Endeavour* is a unique and challenging experience. The immersive nature of the program encourages participants to rapidly develop interpersonal, leadership and teamwork skills, and to build confidence and resilience. Opportunities to develop these skills are essential for young people, helping prepare them to take on and overcome challenges as they move into adulthood, and throughout their lives.

24 youth join each voyage, from all parts of Australia and all walks of life. Together they learn the skills to sail a tall ship – including taking the helm, handling lines, keeping watch, navigating, and climbing the 30-metre mast. Significantly, the youth crew do not have access to mobile phones or social media, allowing them to focus on the voyage and youth program. No sailing experience is required, only a willingness to join the crew and learn along the way.

The program is delivered by a professional Royal Australian Navy staff crew who ensure that the highest standards of safety are maintained. Youth crew are supported and encouraged to pursue personal and team goals, and to develop the skills, knowledge and confidence to sail STS *Young Endeavour* along the Australian coast.

You are welcome to contact our team if you have questions about the program; to obtain posters, brochures or digital marketing materials; or to arrange a presentation to your school community. Call 1800 020 444 or email mail@youngendeavour.gov.au.

To be eligible for first-round offers, applications should be submitted by 28 September 2023. Financially assisted berths are available to eligible youth. Applications can be made online at www.youngendeavour.gov.au/apply-now.

We hope you encourage your students to apply for this life-changing opportunity, and look forward to welcoming them on board STS *Young Endeavour*.

Yours sincerely

Jennifer Reilly
Executive Director