Dear Principal,

The Young Endeavour Youth Scheme is pleased to announce that applications are always taken for young Australians aged 16-23 to join a voyage in the national sail training ship *Young Endeavour*.

A voyage in *Young Endeavour* is an exciting experience and a unique opportunity for youth to develop skills for life. Our internationally recognised development program builds self awareness, develops teamwork and leadership skills, and fosters a strong sense of community responsibility.

Since the ship was gifted to Australia in 1988 more than 13,000 young Australians have completed the Young Endeavour Youth Development Program. No sailing experience is required. *Young Endeavour* is operated by a professional Royal Australian Navy crew who ensure the highest standards of safety, and teach participants the skills to sail a square-rigged tall ship.

24 youth from across Australia will join each eleven day voyage during the 2018 program. As members of the crew they will keep watch and take the helm, handle lines on deck, cook in the galley, navigate using the ship's charts, and climb the 30 metre mast to set and furl the sails.

While at sea, they will be encouraged to pursue personal and team goals and challenges. By the end of each voyage they will have the skills and confidence to elect a leadership team and take command of the 44 metre brigantine, sailing *Young Endeavour* along the Australian coast.

Applications are open at www.youngendeavour.gov.au. Voyage fees and conditions will apply to successful applicants, who must be aged 16-23 year on the day of departure of their selected voyage/s. Potential applicants should apply now for the best chance of being drawn for a voyage.

I encourage you to provide this information to students and parents, and to support them in applying for the once in a lifetime opportunity to join a voyage aboard STS *Young Endeavour*. I hope the enclosed posters can be placed on noticeboards around your campus. If you would like to use something in an electronic format, please contact our office so we can help you right away.

Yours sincerely

Stephen Moss Executive Director 16 July 2018