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**KOoyong Youth Can Set Sail with Young Endeavour**

Young Australians in Kooyong looking for an adventure out of the ordinary can apply for a voyage in Sail Training Ship (STS) Young Endeavour.

A voyage in Young Endeavour gives participants skills for life and the chance to test themselves in a challenging new environment.

During an 11 day voyage on the tall ship, 16–23 year olds disconnect from social media and learn communication, teamwork and leadership skills, which helps prepare them for the workforce.

The program, delivered by Royal Australian Navy personnel, also cultivates awareness of the benefits of diversity and instils a desire to contribute to society.

During each voyage, 24 young participants from across Australia are taught the skills required to sail a square-rigged tall ship – including how to navigate, keep watch, cook in the galley, take the helm and climb the 30 metre mast to work aloft, setting and furling sails.

Young Endeavour conducts approximately 20 voyages each year, typically on the east coast of Australia. Now in its 30th year, the internationally recognised program has benefitted more than 13,300 young Australians.

With the ship soon to sail north from Sydney to tropical North Queensland, now is a great time for young people from Kooyong to apply for a voyage and gain memories and skills to last a lifetime.

The program is open to all young Australians. Businesses and community groups from Kooyong can provide scholarships for eligible local participants.

For more information about the Young Endeavour Youth Scheme and to apply for voyages aboard STS Young Endeavour, visit <http://www.youngendeavour.gov.au>.

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