



Boonah State High School

"Working in Partnership with Students, Parents and the Community"
'Learning life together'

24 November, 2014

To Whom It May Concern,

Re: The Sea School P/L

In my capacity as Duke of Edinburgh Award Boonah State High School Area Leader, I would like to send this letter of support for the The Sea School P/L. We have been associated with the organisation for over 10 years and without their support would not be able to offer sailing as an Adventurous Journey Expedition activity for our Duke of Edinburgh Award participants.

In order to offer sailing as an Adventurous Journey Expedition activity, the Duke of Edinburgh Award requires that Adventurous Journey Supervisors be registered with NOLRS (National Outdoor Leader Registration Scheme). Unfortunately to date, there are no certified qualifications that individual Adventurous Journey Supervisors are able to obtain for sailing, so we need to access outside providers and The Sea School has been able to step in and offer us a range of Sailing expeditions that Duke of Edinburgh Award participants can use in order to gain their award.

To date in 2014, we have been able to access The Sea School's services three times this year and anticipate to continue our association with the organisation in years to come. This participation has included 3 rigorous afternoon training sessions before each sailing expedition which have involved teaching students about weather, tides, navigation, minimal impact, sailing terminology, Points of Sail, Anchoring, 1st Aid Safety Equipment, Knots and food planning before the students even get into the boat. These sessions have been delivered in a very professional and educational manner pitched at the age level and experience of the students involved.

Students have then had the opportunity to experience a number of different boats in a variety of marine environments over different periods of time thanks to the range of expeditions offered by The Sea School. It has also been greatly appreciated that these expeditions are offered at a minimal cost to Duke of Edinburgh Award participants acknowledging their involvement with the Duke of Edinburgh Award program as a voluntary organisation.

In closing, I have no hesitation in recommending The Sea School as a very worth recipient of any grant for which they may apply for as they are an integral part of Boonah State High School's Duke of Edinburgh Award program and hopefully we will be able to continue our long association with them in the foreseeable future.

Yours Sincerely

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