

24<sup>th</sup> April 2020

To whom it may concern.

RE: NZ Sailing Trust. PO Box 147396, Ponsonby, Auckland 0820

St Paul's College has over the past 3 years (2017 -2020), sent student leaders on NZ Sailing Trust's 3 days leadership programme.

Developing leadership in young men involves many aspects, including:

- Self confidence
- Respect
- Team involvement
- Challenging oneself to new unfamiliar environments and experiences
- Safety awareness

The NZ Sailing Trust with their programme involves sailing "maxi ocean racing legends" with the associated life on board. This dynamic situation is a great experience for leadership development and the participants are exposed to strong interactive lessons on the environment, its power and importance to life.

The St Paul's College leadership programme selects approximately 24 students from years 11 to 13 who demonstrate leadership qualities. After 3 years participating in the NZ Sailing Trust programme, we now have numerous stories of success directly attributed to the programme.

One story we will share is about Reuben Fruean. In 2017, as a year 11 student, Reuben who is of Pacifica heritage joined the leadership group for 3 days sailing on Steinlager 2. He had never been on a boat, could not swim was afraid of the water and missed being away from home. At the end of the three days on Steinlager 2, Reuben was confidently swimming and enjoying the sailing.

In 2019 Reuben was included in the leadership group for another 3 days sailing, this time on Lion NZ. He was an outstanding leader for the young and less confident members of the crew. This year Reuben is Head Prefect at St Paul's College- a role he excels in.

St Paul's College mantra is "Building Tomorrow's Men Today". Success is measured over a life time and therefore there is a responsibility of ensuring education encapsulates the wider life skills beyond the classroom and sports field. This can only be achieved in partnership with organisations specialising in off campus experiences.

NZ Sailing Trust excels in their professionalism in delivering a unique on the water leadership programme. This programme is very pertinent to New Zealand being a maritime nation. Their investment in boats, people and processes is exemplary.

COVID-19 is an event no organisation could plan for. Through no fault of NZ Sailing Trust they now find their organisation in a position that without financial support, will not be able to operate as a going concern. COVID-19 has challenged all of us to support each other and be ready to get back to some normality once it passes.

NZ Sailing Trust is an organisation which contributes significantly to communities and provides immense value to the education of New Zealand's youth. For our part at St Paul's College, we take this opportunity to confirm the College will continue to participate with NZ Sailing Trust programme in 2021.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'K. F. Fouhy', written in a cursive style.

K. F. Fouhy  
**Headmaster**