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Inaugural TAFE NSW maritime course launched this week for First Nations students

TAFE NSW, the Sea Heritage Foundation, Tribal Warrior and Prince's Trust Australia have just launched a first-of-its-kind Get Into Maritime course in Sydney for First Nations students.

After a two-day 'taster' programme led by Prince's Trust Australia, the eight-week TAFE NSW course will provide First Nations students with job-ready training and pathways for a career on the sea. The hands-on course is taking place in North Sydney on the historic lighthouse keeper ship, the MV Cape Don.

Auntie Donna and Dave Barnett from Tribal Warrior greatly honoured students and guests with a welcome to beautiful Cammeraygal country, and a smoking ceremony. The programme is being delivered by TAFE NSW, the Sea Heritage Foundation, Tribal Warrior and Prince's Trust Australia.

On the first day, Prince's Trust Australia's Director for Young People, Dean Delia guided students through self-discovery, 'enterprise skill' development and purposeful careers education - all grounded in our Achieve framework.

The second day was full of action, with students jumping on board the 75-metre ship and engaging in a tour, briefings, knot lessons and other practical activities.

"I had no idea what I was going to do with my life but after two days, I can see myself doing this in the future. It was amazing."

– Get Into Maritime participant (Archie, 17)

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CJ Manjarres-Wahlberg, Chairman and co-director of the Sea Heritage Foundation said,

"I pursued this project because I wanted to be part of something positive to create a meaningful future for Indigenous Australians onboard the MV Cape Don. Where living history becomes the future and we create social and economic change within an inclusive supportive community engagement space for all Australians regardless of race, religion, colour or sexual orientation."

Prince's Trust Australia's Dean Delia said,

"Through this initiative, we were able to take Prince's Trust Australia's home grown Achieve Framework beyond the classroom and apply it to support the needs of young people from a range of backgrounds and walks of life."

The highlight for me was having the opportunity to meet and learn from the participants. It was an absolute privilege to spend two days sharing stories, developing skills and building connections with this incredible group of aspiring leaders."

We look forward to following the students on their maritime journey! Meanwhile, the Sea Heritage Foundation is working hard at restoring the ship to its former glory.



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SPECIAL THANKS

Thank you Auntie Donna and Dave Barnett from Tribal Warrior; to Carol-Ann Flanagan, Fiona Frail, Karen Davies and Mario Murzello from TAFE NSW for their dedication to this programme and to CJ Manjarres-Wahlberg, Chairman and co-director of the Sea Heritage Foundation.

Thanks to the welcoming and professional MV Cape Don crew Rick, Daniel, Tanya and Jesse; to Chris Duckett who mentored the students throughout the introductory days of the course. As an Aboriginal man and merchant seamen/Integrated Rating currently working for NSW's Maritime Environmental Services Division, his knowledge and experiences were an asset to the 'taster' programme. And to the Coal Loader Centre for Sustainability for their support and hospitality.

Dr Haruhisa Handa's Worldwide Support for Development is a proud supporter of the Get Into Maritime project. Prince's Trust Australia thanks our patron Dr Handa for his ongoing support.

ABOUT PRINCE'S TRUST AUSTRALIA

Prince's Trust Australia is a national charity that helps young people prepare for the rapidly changing world of work, inspires veterans and their families into entrepreneurship and self-employment, and champions resilient sustainable communities.

We also work in partnership with our colleagues across The Prince's Trust Group, a global network of charities transforming lives and building sustainable communities in the United Kingdom, Canada, Australia, New Zealand and across the Commonwealth. Together, we promote, support, and inspire people and their communities to flourish.

Since 2018, Prince's Trust Australia has been supporting young Australians to transform their lives by engaging them in life long learning. We do this through relevant career pathways education and by preparing them with a portfolio of enterprise skills and capabilities required to thrive in an ever-changing environment.

Find out more: www.princes-trust.org.au

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ABOUT ACHIEVE

With the support of DeakinCo. & The Eventful Learning Co. and in co design with teachers, students and thought leaders, Prince's Trust Australia created Achieve; an inquiry-based framework that engages young people in learning through careers education and enterprise skills development. Achieve is designed to:

- Develop enterprise mindsets, skills and capabilities
- Adapt to any school or educational environment
- Be flexible in its approach and can be delivered across age groups
- Amplify existing programs, campaigns and initiatives within schools and communities
- Fit within and enables existing education frameworks
- Enable teachers to support students without adding extra pressure
- Address disengagement alongside enterprise skill development

Find out more: <https://achieveonline.com.au/>

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ABOUT TAFE NSW

TAFE NSW is the leading provider of vocational education and training in Australia. Each year, more than 430,000 students enrol in our courses and training. We aim to skill the workforce for the future through high quality, personalised education and training.

TAFE NSW has a great reputation for industry and business partnerships.

These connections ensure our students get the highest level of practical training, meaning we can provide a high quality, job-ready workforce. We are constantly adapting our courses and facilities to suit local community and industry needs.

Find out more: <https://www.tafensw.edu.au/>

ABOUT THE SEA HERITAGE FOUNDATION

The Sea Heritage Foundation is an Australian charity providing General Purpose Hand Training for those wishing to enter the maritime industry maritime industry and merchant navy. The training takes place in a unique maritime learning environment onboard the historic lighthouse keeper ship the MV Cape Don, which is also in the process of restoration.

Find out more: <https://seaheritagetrust.org/>

ABOUT TRIBAL WARRIOR

Tribal Warrior has been a central part of the Redfern community for over two decades. Throughout this time of rebuild and change, our vision has been unwavering – we want to empower our community through connection to culture and family. Tribal Warrior's founders began with maritime training as a way of offering local men the dual opportunity of engaging in culture and finding employment.

From the original vision, Tribal Warrior has expanded into the social enterprise it is today. The core of Tribal Warrior's work revolves around:

- Mentoring younger members of the community and their families.
- Sharing and practicing culture.
- Providing employment pathway opportunities.
- Facilitating greater economic participation.
- The outcome of this work is the creation of diverse employment and income generation streams. This diversity places the Redfern community in an ideal position to adapt to and meet evolving challenges as well as grasp opportunities as they arise.

Find out more: <https://www.tribalwarrior.org/>

