



FB CHILDREN SHOW THEIR SPIRIT!

Each year the Employee Education Fund provides funding for children of Fletcher Building Employees to take part in the fantastic development opportunities that The Spirit of Adventure Trust provide — read on to get a taste of what our kids take away from it!



Kirsty Martin's Spirit Experience:

Dear Sue and Trustees of Fletcher Building EEF,
Thank you for providing sponsorship for my trip aboard The spirit of New Zealand I had an amazing time!
I made many new friends that I will keep in contact with for life. I miss them so much already.

New experiences on the voyage have given me skills for life including leadership, team and motivation as well as learning about how to tie knots, navigation, understanding charts and putting up sails.

I embarked on several exciting adventures during the trip including tramping on great barrier and rafting to Kawau Island. I climbed right to the top of the mast, sailed the little boats on-board, enjoyed lots of deck challenges - including a blind fold obstacle course in the dark!, mini Olympics, singing around the camp fire, chilling with new friends, steering the boat and our morning swim at 6:30 every day!!

This was definitely a once in a life time experience I will never forget. I can't wait to go back when I am 18 to be a trainee crew/ deck hand.

Thank you for this life changing experience.

Kirsty Martin

Daughter of Andy Martin—Brian Perry Civil



Logan Yates Spirit Experience:

To the Fletcher welfare fund,

I would like to thank you for the opportunity that you gave me, to attend the 10 day voyage on the Spirit of New Zealand. I thoroughly enjoyed my time and am considering doing the voyage again as a leading hand.

The skills that were taught to us such as teamwork and self reliance I know I will carry forward into my future . I met a lot of new friends and know that I will carry these friendships into the future. Once again I would like to thank you and I am grateful for the opportunity given to me.

Yours sincerely ,

Logan Yates

Son of Trevor Yates—Fletcher Residential Group



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Courtney Murrays “Voyage Plus One” Spirit Experience:

Dear Fletcher Building,

Thank-you for sending me on the Spirit of New Zealand again. It was really an amazing experience and it’s opened up a possible new career choice for me – I’m hoping to be accepted as a Cadet so I can continue coming on board the ship. As a Cadet I’ll spend 20 days on board as part of the crew, and 10 days at home, for 15 months. After that I can apply to come back as Third Mate, and gradually work my way up the ship. I really hope I get accepted, the competition is fierce!

The Spirit of New Zealand is life changing, and a lot of the people on board don’t realize the affect they have on others. The Voyage Plus One that you recently sponsored me for had 21 other trainees who had all elected to come back like me. This was great because it meant that everybody wanted to be there – I noticed that on my first ten day voyage a few of the girls wanted to go home and that brought the whole group down. The energy on VP1 was so much better, because everyone was stoked be to back. VP1 was different to the original ten day voyage in that we were treated more like adults – we were asked what time we wanted to go to bed, get up, and whether we wanted to swim in the mornings or not. Everything was negotiable and the crew felt more like peers than instructors, which was different to the ten day course. Because there were less of us, I think the entire group came together really well, and I got to know everyone instead of only being friends with a select few.

Every evening we gathered in the Aft Cabin after dinner & had a discussion. Paul talked to us about some really important things, like life skills, self esteem, and how to make a good CV to get a job. Those discussions were one of the (many) highlights of my voyage, and I found that I was looking forward to them each evening.

I just had such an amazing time, I’m really grateful to you for sponsoring me to go.

Thank-you so much!!

Courtney Murray

Daughter of Suyin van Schagen– Laminex Group

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