

Join Fairbridge on a SeaTrek: Experience of a lifetime

In 2023, Fairbridge is seeking interest from schools to join us on a SeaTrek through some of WA's most iconic marine environments.

2023 will be SeaTrek's 20-year anniversary in the Dampier Archipelago. Using one of Fairbridge's fleet of yachts, expeditions are 18 to 24 students with 2 teachers. The treks start and end at Fairbridge's Dampier camp facilities.

SeaTrek is a learning experience. Students learn sailing, seamanship and marine safety.

SeaTrek consists of up to 4 days sailing with 3 nights camping on one of the many islands in and around Dampier archipelago. Prior to the trek, a preparation briefing at our Point Peron camp facility will be held. Students will learn the key features of a sailing boat, have a practice sail in Cockburn Sound and learn about camp cooking.

In addition, students learn teamwork, personal resilience and leadership. Treks will also include a briefing on the history and environment of Dampier.

SeaTrek is led by Mark McRae – one of Australia's most respected sailing masters - along with a team of experienced women and men sailors and educators.

Fairbridge provides the yachts, safety gear, fishing gear, support vessels, camping equipment, food, accommodation and importantly a skilled sailing master and guides.

You provide the students and prepare for the experience of a lifetime.





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Mark McRae Sailing Master

Mark has been sailing most of his life. He is a Yachtmaster and holds several Commercial qualifications. Over the years, he has been sailing the Oceans of the World: places like Antarctica, Cape Horn, and the Sydney to Hobart Yacht race. His passion is sharing his knowledge and helping people learn to sail in a safe and pleasurable way. Mark also hopes through SeaTrek, the younger generation will learn teamwork, self-confidence, respect and appreciation for others and the environment.



Brett Hawthorn Camp Fairbridge

Brett learnt to sail through the local Sea Cadets on the beautiful North Coast of Cornwall in Padstow, England. From there, he started working at the local sailing school and taught children and adults to sail, along with powerboating and canoeing. Brett has over 25 years of teaching in the outdoors, with 14 years in Australia. His depth of knowledge in expeditions, sailing and the outdoors is a great combination for Fairbridge SeaTrek, which will allow for a safe and enjoyable trip to the participants.

SeaTrek Activities:

Sailing
Fishing
Seamanship
Navigation
Camping
Knotts & Rigging
Camp Cooking
Maritime Safety
and more!

For further information:

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"Thanks for another great year of SeaTrek. Fairbridge did not miss a beat from our perspective. Cass was a great leader. Her knowledge of operations and the area were great, and she had a great demeanour with the students. Mark was also a great addition to the team. His knowledge and experience were second to none and it was great to have the boys sailing more than usual."

Tim Carslaw | Trinity College

"SeaTrek is always a highlight of the year. The students gain so much from just 2 nights on the islands and come away with an incredible experience and so much practical knowledge that can be applied not only to life on the water but also everyday life. The beauty of SeaTrek is that each and every time we go they are so different with varying positive experiences and breathtaking camp spots. I highly recommend Fairbridge SeaTrek activities as it is a once in a lifetime experience and every year students come away with so many great stories from their time on the SeaTrek."

Mitch Osborn | Aquinas College

"For someone who has been in the outdoor industry for 26 years, I still look forward to leading SeaTrek in Dampier. With the differences it can bring you from students, weather, tides and island life; I will never get bored of delivering these."

Brett Hawthorn | Camp Fairbridge





