

Dear Peter,

I just wanted to take this opportunity to thank you on behalf of our organisation, Youth Off the Streets, for the amazing boat ride we had a week or so ago. No way did we expect it to be so "fast and furious". As the kids said it was "crazy". And it was!

To offer to these young people the ride, on a Saturday, in prime time, was very generous of you. All the boys were blown away by the ride. I don't think they could believe it. They would have been happy on a normal boat, but when you really threw the boat into action, they were definitely surprised and impressed the power.

These kids live in refuges, except for JB, who now has his own supported accommodation. More kids could have come, but chose to stay home or go and hang out with friends. The kids that came would have gone home that afternoon and made the others envious. (Bad choice for the others.)

For our kids who are homeless, we work on them making smarter choices. JB did that last year and did so very well. Jack was pretty impressed to meet JB, as he has heard us speak of his hard work and success last year. JB now has a motor mechanics apprenticeship. It's quite a powerful thing for other kids in refuges to hear what past kids are now doing. One of the other boys from our refuge, Don Bosco, was asking Jack and myself about the school. So as it turned out there was a bit of a chain of information going on there.

All in all, it was a brilliant afternoon as I said. The boys took a risk in stepping out of their comfort zone and it paid off with an amazing ride on the harbour. I can't thank you enough for your generous offer.

If you felt like calling in to the school at some stage, please just email me. And by the way, the photos turned out well and are on our wall and in Jack's journal at school.

Kind regards

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