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World voyage

Dario Schwoerer's one-of-a-kind yacht is in Cairns to give schools a TOPtoTOP experience like never before.

Volunteers from 28 nations are the driving force behind the TOPtoTOP Global Climate Expedition – a non profit organisation based in Switzerland with the patronage of the United Nations Environment Program and the Swiss Government.

Their yacht, Pachamma is equipped with 11 solar panels and 2 wind turbines making it the example for cruising the world, demonstrating what is possible in extreme conditions with smart renewable technologies.

Pachamma brought Dario, wife Sabine and two children Salina and Andri to Cairns after travelling for seven years. They've made it to Mt Blanc in Europe, Mt Aconcagua in South America and Mt Kosiosko in Australia. Everest is the next peak they plan to scale. They hope to scale the highest peaks in seven continents connecting all the major climate zones using natural energy such as the wind and the sun.

Visiting schools along the way to talk about eco footprints, taking samples of soil and water and getting involved in the Clean Up World campaign are all part of the expedition.

So far they've met 35 000 school children worldwide.

He dropped in to see Jon Dicker, Laboratory Manager at Cairns SGS company

"We are very excited about our partnership with SGS," he said.

"I know that their expertise in a wide variety of areas especially in climate change, will prove useful in our expedition.

To contact the Schwoerer family email Dario@toptotop.org



Dario Schwoerer with wife Sabine daughter Salina and friend Kara spreading the message of environmental sustainability.

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