



Rotary Youth Programme of Enrichment

<http://rotarydistrict9920.org/page/youth-young-adults>

DATE:

Friday 21 to 23 March 2025

VENUE:

Kokako Lodge, 235 Falls Road, Hunua, Auckland

Enter online from 1 Jan 2025:

<https://enternowonline.com/4548/events>

Close off date: 5 March 2025

What is RYPEN 2025 Camp

RYPEN is a well-established Rotary Youth Leadership weekend long camp designed to develop young people's potential – as they face career-choices and moving out into the world - through a mixture of lecture-style sessions, delivered by established young leaders and a specialist motivational speaker with supervised adventure-based learning. The camp is run and organised by the Rotary District 9920 Youth Committee with team leaders drawn from RYLA alumni from past years.

It is specifically designed for students who are seen as upcoming leaders, not those individuals who are already leading and achieving, or those at the bottom-end. But those students who just need a bit of a push and a confidence-boost to start achieving to their full potential.

RYPEN has as its principal goal, to communicate with young people taking part in the program through a series of ideas, issues and social experiences, which will assist them in forming their own values and moral standards, while allowing them to broaden their horizons culturally, socially and academically.

Nothing is forced upon participants – they are free to discuss and interpret what they experience and above all, the team leaders who are involved in running the program do not patronise or indoctrinate them.

Through RYPEN students will develop skills in:

- Resilience
- Teamwork
- Trust
- Goalsetting
- Forming and defining their own values
- Leadership fundamentals and ethics
- Taking the initiative
- Communication skills
- Problem-solving and conflict-management
- Community and Global Citizenship

The RYPEN camp, this year, takes place **21 to 23 March 2025** at the well-establish **Kokako Lodge, 235 Falls Road, Hunua, Auckland**, conforming to the highest Health & Safety Standards,

and employing highly experienced and skilful team-leaders. Qualified medical personnel will be resident at the camp for the duration of the program.

Transport Arrangements – Papakura

All attendees to the camp will meet at **Papakura Railway Station**. The bus will take the students and team leaders to the camp venue. There will be bus monitors/chaperons for the journey. The students will be returned to the **same location on Sunday 23 March 2025** between 3.30pm and 4.00pm – traffic dependent. Parents can collect students from Papakura Railway Station or arrange to pick up the students from Kokako Lodge at the conclusion of Camp.

Cost

There is NO cost to the school or the student. The participating student will be sponsored by the local Rotary Club, allocated to the School.

There will be no additional money required for the students to take to the RYPEN camp

Camp Site/Venue

Kokako Lodge <https://www.kokakolodge.org.nz/>

The activities will be carried out in groups. Each group will be required to help in setting the tables and cleaning up after the meals and will need to clean their own rooms and help in the clean up on Sunday before departing.

The program will include a mix of inspirational speakers relevant to the program objectives and outdoor activities. Each participant will be encouraged to take part in the outdoor activities that may include: Abseiling, Kayaking, Shooting, Archery, Confidence Course or indoor alternatives if too wet. Qualified instructors are used where required.

Each group will be required to perform a small item/skit on Saturday night. Come with some bright ideas and be prepared to join in with songs, skits etc. If you play a portable (non-electric) musical instrument you may choose to bring this to camp.

Each group will also be asked to provide a person who will either introduce or thank a speaker. More details will be given on arrival.

Adult Supervision by Rotary

In accordance with Rotary District Youth Protection policy, all members involved with RYPEN camp are vetted by NZ Police.

The District Youth Deputy Chair, Ainie Kwok (Rotary Club of St Johns) will be in attendance throughout the camp.

Size of Group

The group will be made up of students from Y11-Y12 in 2025 from all schools in Rotary District 9920 and invited students from Schools in District 9910. Groups of maximum 10 students per group and maximum number of students will be limited to 50.

Gear List

See attached

**Emergency Contact at all times will be the District 9920 Youth Committee:
District Committee Oversight ****

Ainie Kwok (021 2203090), Rotary Club of St Johns (ainiekwok@gmail.com)

**** Please contact District Committee Oversight person for all communications – via email or phone for any concerns and issues ****

RYPEN2025 Leadership Team

As per previous years, the weekend will be run by a group of young leaders graduates from RYLA.

School rules/discipline procedures

Standard school rules and discipline procedures will apply and the Health & Safety Management Policy of Kokako Lodge is adopted during and throughout the weekend of the RYPEN Camp.

The organisers have the right to return the student home early and notify your school for serious breaches of camp rules.

This is a **technology free weekend**. You will be asked to surrender your mobile phone or any electronic device at registration.

What is expected Behaviour?

- Respect for property – public and private
- Respect for privacy, needs and personality of others – female quarters and ablution facilities are out of bounds to males and vice versa
- Respect for organisers, staff and speakers – follow ALL instructions
- Respect for the schedule – attendance is compulsory as is punctuality
- Observance of all safety rules at all times

What is Unacceptable Behaviour?

A “go home no question asked” policy will operate – campers breaching these rules will be returned home without any discussions/explanation being sought.

- Possession or use of drugs (other than personally prescribed by a licensed medical doctor) alcohol, tobacco, matches/lighters, fireworks, weapons, gang clothing, glue or spray cans and vaping products
- Stealing, gambling, lying or profanities
- Leaving the Kokako Lodge Campground without the prior knowledge and consent of the Team Leader

NOTE

- Stay away from anyone who violates the rules and report them to your team leader
- No visitors are permitted at the site

Health

You must provide for any personal medication needed. Please hand them to the camp administrator on arrival for safekeeping. During the camp, any injury or illness, no matter how minor, must be reported to the Camp Organiser.