

Students' Feedback

To express my feelings about RYPEN camp, it was like jumping out of a plane without a parachute, but at the camp you are reborn with new friends. (Terehin -Kolbe College)

It wasn't what I expected, it was better. Everyone was just like me, and I made friends and memories that ill keep forever. (Chris-Sacred Heart College)

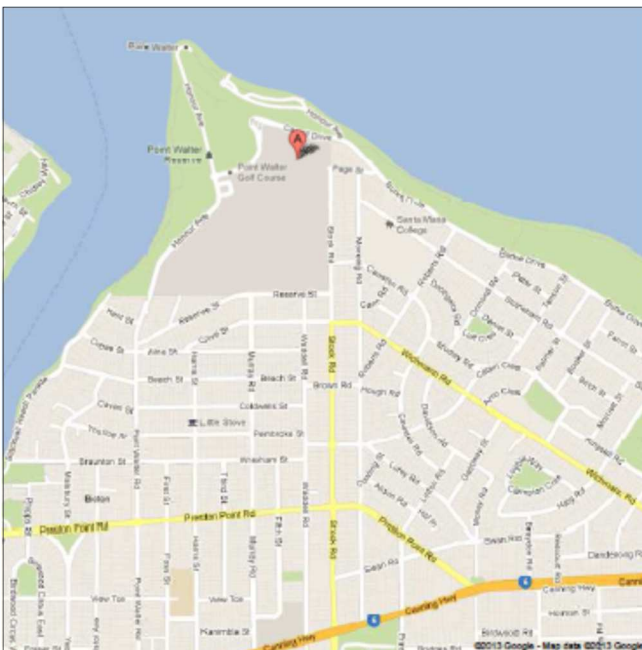
Well, I thought RYPEN camp would be really boring. It was the best camp I've been on and I wish I could go again. (Corrie-Dongara District High School)

You learn a lot. What they show you and the things you do will benefit you heaps. I would love to do it again. (Kylie-Morley Senior High School)

Venue

Point Walter Recreation and Conference Centre
1 Stock Rd Bicton WA 6157.

Accommodation is in dormitory style rooms with ensuite bathrooms and meals are provided in a communal dining area.



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ROTARY YOUTH PROGRAM OF ENRICHMENT 15—17 May

Rotary District 9455



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& Conference Centre**
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What is RYPEN?

RYPEN was first developed in Australia in 1980.

RYPEN is a weekend leadership camp held once a year supported by the Rotary Clubs in District 9455 and it is in its 27th year. It is one of Rotary's most successful youth programs, where selected Year 10 students across different secondary schools in Western Australia gather in a safe and supportive environment.

RYPEN is a live-in 'participation workshop'

Aim

RYPEN aims to provide young people with the opportunity to develop their potential and self esteem, provide experiences that will assist them to form their own values and moral standards, and to broaden their cultural, social and academic horizons.

RYPEN encourages students to explore their ideas of problem solving in team and group activities.

RYPEN is about building confidence and developing skills to cope in a wide range of situations.

RYPEN is also about having FUN!!



Activities

The **RYPEN** program is extremely varied and includes:

- goal setting
- problem solving and decision making
- self esteem building
- skits/presentations
- youth in focus discussions
- awards
- meeting procedure and chairpersonship
- RYPEN rave
- presentation skills
- outdoor activities and sports eg high ropes
- life games
- group awareness
- guest speakers

Presenters/Guest Speakers will talk at keynote sessions and workshops and share their experiences with participants, while emphasizing the need to work hard and stay focused. Participants attending will be invited to thank guest speakers, give talks themselves, report on group activities and help during meal times.

Throughout the seminar, participants will be working together in small groups with a nominated leader.

Who is RYPEN For?

The weekend camp is an award for Year 10 students.

Selection Criteria

Students who have leadership potential and other positive personal attributes, who are community-minded and actively involved in the community or who demonstrate the potential for involvement in community programs.

It is considered that the camp would be both a reward and recognition for their efforts. Those selected must be prepared to follow the Code of Behaviour for the weekend. The latter is based on courtesy, commonsense and cooperation so that everyone receives the maximum benefit.

Coordination

The training team is comprised of experienced group leaders and volunteers under the guidance of the Rotary District 9455 and **RYPEN** 2015 Committee (all with Working with Children Check Cards).

Each year, previous **RYPEN** attendees are selected and invited back to act as 'group leaders' for all of the activities.

Transport

Transport to and from the **RYPEN** venue is the responsibility of the participant and Parent/Carer.

The Cost

The cost to the student /participant is \$70. The sponsoring Rotary Club will cover the remaining amount of \$220. The cost covers all meals, dormitory style accommodation, entertainment and seminar and educational materials during the weekend.

How to Apply

Application should be made through your Principal or Year 10 Coordinator at your school, or contact your local Rotary Club.

