



WESTERN AUSTRALIA
 ROTARY INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT 9455



YOUTH EXCHANGE COMMITTEE INC.

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General Information and Rules for D9455 Outbound Students
To be read in Conjunction with the Guidelines for the D9455 Youth Exchange Program and
the Rules as Stated on your Application Form

Rules

1. The duration of the Program is a full twelve (12) months. Students must complete a minimum of 50 weeks stay in the Host District, in particular, we feel it is important for students to spend both a Christmas and New Year in their adopted culture.
2. Each student must attend school during the year of his or her exchange. Credits for study cannot be assured and Rotary in no way can be held responsible. In some instances, students can transfer credits but this will be the decision of your home school administration.
3. Students are required to have an emergency fund provided by their parents. This is generally the equivalent of \$A500 but may vary between countries. If used it must be restored to the original amount. A monthly allowance for the student is arranged by the Host Club to cover spending money and incidentals.
4. If the student has relatives in their Host Country they will have no Authority over him or her while under the supervision of the program.
5. Students may not tour alone or with other students. Students must abide by the travel rules in their host country.
6. The student is **NOT PERMITTED TO DRIVE A MOTOR VEHICLE OF ANY KIND!** This includes boats, tractors, motorbikes, aircraft or any motorised vehicle, or participate in dangerous activities such as gliding or hang gliding. Insurance does not cover driving of any kind.
7. The student is **NOT PERMITTED TO USE DRUGS**, except for valid medical reasons as prescribed by a physician.
8. **LEGAL AGE For DRINKING ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES** varies, however DRINKING of alcoholic beverages is not accepted unless:
 - i. when in the PHYSICAL PRESENCE of your Host Parents or a Rotarian who is SPECIFICALLY responsible for you at that time, and
 - ii. the circumstances for drinking are completely legal, and
 - iii. it is done in extreme moderation. **Note: Students must abide by the rules of their Rotary District even if they vary from the above.**
9. Family visits are **not** encouraged and are only permitted if the Host District has given their approval. **Some Districts will not approve family visits, and INFORMATION REGARDING THIS SHOULD BE SOUGHT BEFORE MAKING ANY PLANS.** Students are not expected to receive visits from travelling friends whilst they are on a Rotary Youth Exchange.
10. Students must avoid romantic attachments.
11. Students must attend all Rotary sponsored events.

General Information

Student

1. All Passport and return transport costs including excess luggage and airport tax are to be paid by the student. In the event of an early return due to termination of the Exchange, the costs associated with placing the students on the first available flight home must be borne by the student's natural parents/guardian.
2. Natural parents/guardians may be expected to pay some costs associated with school and language lessons in the Host Country.

Families

1. The student is to become an integral member of the Host family, assuming duties and responsibilities normal to a student his or her age. In most instances students will be hosted by at least three families.
2. Choose your friends slowly and wisely as you will have many social opportunities. Trust your hosts to aid you in developing a respectable circle of friends.

Host Club

1. Hosting of students is the responsibility of the Host Club. In case of difficulties the student should consult his or her Host parents, followed by the Club Mentor, Host District Counsellor, or as instructed by the Host District.
2. Your hosts are responsible for you socially, spiritually and physically. You must respect their wishes and requests. Their society may be different to ours and some guidance and restrictions are to be expected and advisable.

District 9455

1. Two briefing sessions will be held prior to departure (July and December) to discuss all phases of the program and to aid in planning. Attendance of the students at this meeting and at the debriefing following Exchange (February) is **COMPULSORY**. Parents are requested to attend also.
2. District 9455 are responsible for the return flight booking which must satisfy both the Sponsor and Host districts as to the planned departure and arrival date. All amendments to the ticket date must be approved by the District Chair.

Photographs

Please understand that your photograph and/or details may be used by your Rotary Club or the District for RYE and Rotary Promotional purposes (eg on our Facebook pages)

I agree to abide by the rules of this programme.

Name of Student _____
 (print clearly)

Signed by: _____ Date _____
 Student

Father _____ Mother _____

Should queries arise on interpretation of the above points please contact your District 9455 Placement Officer.

The student should clearly understand the conditions and rules of the program. They must be followed or he or she will be returned home.