



At RYTS you will come to understand that you have an important role in the world, that among the world's millions YOU are unique, you ARE important in the WHOLE scheme of things. You will come to realise that we all, yes you too, have a 'wart' or two and you will accept that you are what you are, warts included. You will learn that, in life, what you prove to be is more important than what you appear to be. RYTS will give you a reason to believe in yourself and your importance to family, community, the nation and the world. You will know that the world is a better place for your presence. We all have a contribution to make.



RYTS is about you as you approach a time in your life which comes with major changes in lifestyle, new freedoms, hopes, aspirations and opportunities, to put into effect long held ambitions, and acceptance of more serious responsibilities.



The Rotary Youth Transition Seminar (RYTS) is held at the Bornhoffen PCYC Leadership Development Centre, located at 3510 Nerang Murwillumbah Road, Natural Bridge QLD 4211.

YOU CAN BE WHAT YOU BELIEVE YOU CAN BE

This is accessible from the south through Murwillumbah to Chillingham, and from the north through Nerang to Advancetown.



WHAT is RYTS?

RYTS was started in 1984 by a group of Rotoractors (young adults sharing Rotary ideals) who felt that young people about to leave school could benefit from additional life skills. RYTS is not a solid seven days of high school lectures, but a week of interaction with highly qualified people who give their time freely for you.

RYTS is also about raucous laughter and sensitive sentimental moments, loud music and some quiet effective times with your fellow attendees many of whom will become lifelong friends. You may even shed a tear or two when you leave. The RYTS team consists of young adults, a little older than you, who have seen the advantages of RYTS and return annually to conduct this camp for you.

RYTS is Not a camp for Religious, Political or Cultural Education. It is not a camp for moralising or insensitive self assessment, (but you may reflect on some aspects of where life is taking you, where you're going, how you will get there and what you'll do when you arrive), and you may have cause to revise some of your opinions and attitudes.



*I am Unique.
I believe in Me.
I am Important to the world,
I can be what I Wish to be.
I can achieve what I Wish to Achieve.*



Luke's Story

When I applied for R.Y.T.S, I thought it was just an ordinary camp, just hanging out with a bunch of random teenagers on the countryside for a week. But as soon as I showed up, I knew there was something unique about these people. Just the fact that they waved us down and carried our bags down to our dorms was different. Being isolated between two huge mountains from a week brings you away from the real world. The content of the sessions can then sink in and make a real difference in your everyday life. Walking away from this camp on Friday, I walked away a changed man.

Harriet's Story

For me, this camp was a journey of self-discovery. Between exercise, laughter, loud music, amazing fun, and serious contemplation, I've learnt who I am, and as I transit into a new, daunting phase of life. I will be making the transition from my managed and protected home and school environment, to University and beyond, experiencing major changes in lifestyle, freedom, hopes, aspirations and opportunities. RYTS is built on the belief that young people, about to leave school would benefit from additional life skills; and benefit we did. During 7 days of laughter, tears, love, friendship and self-discovery, I underwent a transformation; I'm still unable to articulate. Never in my life, had I cried nor laughed so much. Having a positive mind-set will empower you to achieve your dreams and goals. I saw RYTS as a test, to discover whether your mission in life is finished; and I assure you, if you're alive, your mission is only beginning.

Katie's Story

Before I came to R.Y.T.S, I probably didn't have the best attitude toward this camp, though I have come to realize over the past week, it has turned out to be the most fulfilling, motivating, inspiring time of my life, and I know I will leave here matured, living with a different perspective and I already am a changed person. Here we learn about the bad and good choices in life, believing nothing is impossible, setting and achieving life goals, forgetting bad habits and building new bridges. I have come away with bad memories forgotten, a better perspective of life, a great attitude towards the things I want to achieve in the future and 92 new friends and my experience at R.Y.T.S is one never to be forgotten.