

Dear Parent, Guardian and Teachers

Now in our 32^{nd} year The Rotary District 9670 RYPEN Committee is pleased to announce that nominations are now being accepted for the RYPEN camp to be held on the weekend of May 15^{th} , 16^{th} & 17^{th} 2020

Supporting the development of youth is a key focus of Rotary and here in District 9670, RYPEN, is one of our flagship youth programs delivered twice a year to around 70 students.

RYPEN is aimed for that large group of, boys and girls, aged between **14 and 17 years**, school **years 8 to 10**, who show some qualities of decency, courage, persistence, sincerity and application in everyday life, which deserve further development (in which case is everyone & anyone).

The principal and student outcomes of the program are:

- Increased motivation,
- Improved life skills,
- Improved self-image and pride,
- An understanding of setting and achieving goals,
- Increased confidence to overcome problems and take control of their future,
- Form their own values and moral standards.

We advise that the student does not go with friends. If the students do not know anyone at the start of the program, they will leave with 30+ new friends and contacts when it finishes on Sunday afternoon. RYPEN is an intensive program, consisting of plenary sessions, workshops and sport and entertainment activities.

Participants are accommodated in dormitory style rooms, and meals are provided in our self catering lodge. Special dietary requirements can be catered for by the camp chef. The RYPEN committee and facilitators live-in for the duration of the camp and provide the organisation and planning of the weekend. Rypenians receive suitable instruction, and play an active part in introducing and presenting group reports; assisting in camp chores as well as being involved in various group sessions.

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"Teenagers grow when they have the opportunity to develop life skills."

Here's what some past participants have had to say...

"There has never been a camp that has wowed me this much, an experience I would love to relive and share with everyone."

"Every activity was absolutely amazing! I would do this over and over again especially if it was with the same people, the best group of people I have ever met."

Here's what parents have had to say ...

"Holy cow, did we have one excited teenager on our hands on Sunday afternoon after the RYPEN camp!

"Please pass on our thanks to all those involved in providing our precious daughter with a wonderful and life-affirming weekend."

"We have our son back, thank you."

RYPEN is a unique opportunity for young people that can be a truly life changing experience.

For the student, RYPEN is also a gateway to the many other youth programs Rotary runs to support and develop young people such as; as Driver Training, National Youth Science Forum, Youth Exchange, Try a Trade, RYLA and many more.

Should you require further information about the program contact either the Rotarian who has contacted you or myself directly.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Yours in Rotary,

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