



RYPEN District 9800 Committee



July 2015

Dear Principal/Coordinator,

**RYPEN - Rotary Youth Program of Enrichment - Camp
Friday 16 – Sunday 18 October 2015, at Camp Weekaway, Lancefield**

The RYPEN Committee together with the Rotary Club of seeks your assistance in identifying suitable students for the October RYPEN camp.

The students selected for this camp will be participating in various group activities, as well as working with other students throughout the weekend. All students participating in this RYPEN camp are encouraged to get involved by participating in the activities planned for the weekend and by giving their input and feedback.

The program is designed to help students aged **15 to 17** achieve their full potential. The camp, which runs from Friday evening to Sunday afternoon, is led by Rotaract members aged 18-30. The camp is hosted by Rotary, with members of Rotary in attendance. All leaders and the Rotary volunteers have Working With Children checks.

RYPEN benefits from having a diverse range of participants. Students carry out self-evaluation and are encouraged to apply the things they have learned to their own lives and experience, so a diversity of students is always of benefit. Rotary strongly encourages involvement from students of all backgrounds and experiences. Students of all levels of ability are welcome, although those who are considered to be in need of development in their personal skills will gain the most from this experience.

It is important that students understand they need to willingly participate to gain maximum benefit from the experience. The students attending the camp also need to be aware that they will be involved in a number of physical exercises both indoors and outdoors.

The cost for the camp (\$385 per student) will be covered by the sponsoring Rotary club.

A member of the sponsoring Rotary club will transport the student/s to and from the camp.

Applications are to be on the Nomination forms supplied. **Completed forms are to be returned to your local Rotary Club (as above) by Wednesday 16th September 2015.** The Rotary club will forward the applications to the RYPEN Committee. All applications have to be approved by both your local Rotary club and by the RYPEN Committee.

Yours sincerely

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