



## **Rotary Youth Programme of Enrichment**

<http://rotarydistrict9920.org/page/youth-young-adults>

### **DATE:**

*Friday 29 March to Sunday 31 March 2019*

### **VENUE:**

Kokako Lodge, 235 Falls Road, Hunua, Auckland

**Enter online at:** <https://enternowonline.com/rypen>

### **What is RYPEN 2019 Camp**

RYPEN is a well-established Rotary Youth Leadership weekend long camp designed to develop young people's potential – as they face career-choices and moving out into the world – through a mixture of lecture-style sessions, delivered by established young leaders and a specialist motivational speaker. Plus supervised adventure-based learning. The camp is run and organised by Rotarians and Rotaractors from District 9920 annually.

It is specifically designed for students who are seen as upcoming leaders, not those individuals who are already leading and achieving, or those at the bottom-end. But those students who just need a bit of a push and a confidence-boost to start achieving to their full potential.

RYPEN has as its principal goal, to communicate with young people taking part in the programme through a series of ideas, issues and social experiences, which will assist them in forming their own values and moral standards, while allowing them to broaden their horizons culturally, socially and academically.

Nothing is forced upon participants – they are free to discuss and interpret what they experience and above all, the Rotarians or Leaders who are involved in running the programme do not patronise or indoctrinate them.

Through RYPEN students will develop skills in:

- Resilience
- Teamwork
- Trust
- Goal-setting
- Forming and defining their own values
- Leadership fundamentals and ethics
- Taking the initiative
- Communication skills
- Problem-solving and conflict-management
- Community and Global Citizenship

The RYPEN camp, this year, takes place **29 to 31 March 2019** at the well-establish **Kokako Lodge, 235 Falls Road, Hunua, Auckland**, conforming to the highest Health & Safety Standards, and employing highly-experienced and skilful team-leaders. A qualified doctor will be resident at the camp for the duration of the programme.

#### **Transport Arrangements – Ellerslie Bus**

All attendees need to assemble, with kit, in the Ellerslie Race Course parking area (just off Greenlane East, behind the Ascot Hospital, and the site of the Sunday motor car sales) by **3.30pm on Friday 29 March for a 4.00pm** departure to the camp.

#### **Transport Arrangements – Papakura Bus**

All attendees need to assemble, with kit, in the Papakura Railway Station parking area by **3.30pm on Friday 29 March for a 4.00pm** departure to the camp.

Anyone with transport difficulties should contact their sponsoring Rotary club for assistance. Students need to choose and stick to their choice of Ellerslie or Papakura.

The students will be **returned to the same location on Sunday 31 March** between 3.30pm and 4.00pm – traffic dependent. Parents can collect students from there.

#### **Cost to students & schools**

There is **NO cost** to the school or the student. The participating student will be sponsored by the local Rotary Club, allocated to the School.

There will be no additional money required for the students to take to the RYPEN camp

**Kokako Lodge** <https://www.kokakolodge.org.nz/>

The activities will be carried out in groups. Each group will be required to help in setting the tables and cleaning up after the meals and will need to clean their own rooms and help in the cleanup on Sunday before departing.

The programme will include a mix of inspirational speakers relevant to the programme objectives and outdoor activities. Each participant will be encouraged to take part in the outdoor activities that may include: Abseiling, Kayaking, Shooting, Archery, Confidence Course or indoor alternatives if too wet. Qualified instructors are used where required.

Each group will be required to perform a small item on Saturday night. Come with some bright ideas and be prepared to join in with songs, skits etc. If you play a portable (non-electric) musical instrument you may choose to bring this to camp.

Each group will also be asked to provide a person who will either introduce or thank a speaker. More details will be given on arrival.

#### **Adult Supervision by Rotary members**

In accordance with Rotary District Youth Protection policy, all members involved with RYPEN camp are vetted by NZ Police.

#### **Size of Group**

The group will be made up of students from Y11-Y12 in 2019 from all schools in Rotary District 9920. Groups of maximum 6 students per group and maximum number of students will be limited to 72.

#### **Gear List**

See attached

#### **Emergency Contact at all times will be the District 9920 Youth Committee:**

##### **District Committee Oversight \*\***

Ainie Kwok (021 2203090), Rotary Club of St Johns  
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**\*\* Please contact District Oversight Committee person for all communications – via email or phone for any concerns and issues \*\***

#### **School rules/discipline procedures**

These are as expected for a camp of this type and are designed to make the experience safe, constructive and pleasant, for all those involved.

- The organisers have the right to return you home early and notify your school for serious breaches of camp rules.

### **What is the Expected Behaviour?**

Respect for property – public and private

Respect for privacy, needs and personality of others – female quarters & ablution facilities are out of bounds to males & vice versa

Respect for organisers, staff and speakers – follow all instructions

Respect for the schedule – attendance is compulsory as is punctuality.

Observance of all safety rules at all times

### **What is unacceptable behaviour?**

The following are non-negotiable.

- A “go home no-questions asked” policy will operate – campers breaching these rules will be returned home without any discussion/explanation being sought.
- Possession or use of drugs (other than personally prescribed), alcohol, tobacco, matches / lighters, fireworks, weapons, gang clothing, glue or spray cans.
- Stealing, gambling, lying or profanities.
- Leaving the **Kokako Lodge** Camp grounds without the knowledge and consent of the Rotary organisers

### **NOTE:**

- Stay away from anyone who violates the rules and report them to a camp organiser
- No visitors are permitted at the site – do not invite people to come and visit you
- **Health:** You must provide for any personal medication needed. Please hand them to “Camp Mother” on arrival for safekeeping. During the camp any injury, no matter how minor, or illness must be reported to Camp Mother or a Camp Organiser.