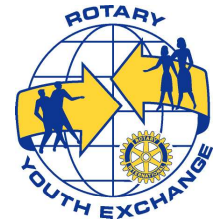


WESTERN AUSTRALIA  
 ROTARY INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT 9455



# YOUTH EXCHANGE COMMITTEE INC.

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## General Information and Rules for D9455 Inbound Students

To be read in Conjunction with the Guidelines for the D9455 Youth Exchange Programme 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.
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. Each student is to have a \$500 emergency fund provided by their parents. If used it must be restored to \$500. A monthly allowance for the student is arranged for by the host club for spending money and incidentals.
4. If the student has relatives in Australia 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. All travel must be approved by the host and sponsor District Chairman, the hosting and sponsor clubs and by the students' own parents (in writing). A complete itinerary of every trip must be filed with the host District Chairman, 6 weeks before the journey commences. Policy guidelines on Travel as attached, form part of this rule.
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.
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 IS 18.** Legal drinking is both strongly discouraged and not allowed **except** in the presence of responsible adults (ie Host Family or Rotarians).
9. Smoking is for the most part socially unacceptable in Western Australia, is forbidden in schools (even for teachers) and almost all public facilities, and it is illegal to sell tobacco products to, or buy them for, anyone who is under 18 years of age. It is also not in keeping with the image we would wish our young Rotary Youth Exchange ambassadors to portray; as such our Exchange Students are expected not to smoke for the entirety of their Exchange.
10. Students must avoid romantic attachments.
11. Students must attend all Rotary sponsored events.
12. Family visits are only permitted if the District and Host Club have given their approval, and only under the conditions they set. Information should be sought **before** making plans. Students are not expected to receive visits from travelling friends whilst they are on a Rotary Youth Exchange.

### General Information

#### Student

1. All Passport, visa, 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.**
2. School fees, Transport to school and uniforms are part of the natural parents cost of exchange.

#### 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.
2. Do not address your hosts as Mr and Mrs; arrive at a comfortable arrangement, "Mum and Dad" for example. Become one of the family.

Choose your friends slowly and wisely as you will have many social opportunities. You do not have to accept the first invitation. 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, Club Youth Exchange Officer, Placement Officer and finally the District Chairman, in that order.
2. Your hosts are responsible for you socially, spiritually and physically. You will respect their wishes and requests. Our society may be different to yours and some guidance and restrictions are to be expected and advisable.

#### District

1. A briefing Session will be held shortly after arrival to discuss all phases of the programme and to aid in planning. Attendance of the students is **COMPULSORY** at these meetings.
2. Some students, in conjunction with their sponsor district, are responsible for the return flight booking which must satisfy both the sponsor and host districts as to the planned departure date. Airline ticket information will be copied on arrival and held by the transport officer.

#### 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: \_\_\_\_\_

Student

\_\_\_\_\_

Father

\_\_\_\_\_

Mother

\_\_\_\_\_

Date

Should queries arise on interpretation of the above points please contact the District Chairman of Youth Exchange 9455. The student should clearly understand the conditions and rules of the programme. They must be followed or he or she will be returned home.