

WESTERN AUSTRALIA ROTARY INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT 9455 YOUTH EXCHANGE COMMITTEE INC.



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Travel Policy Guidelines

As at 23 February 2017

These Rotary International District 9455 Youth Exchange Program Policy Guidelines are additional to and take precedence over the general guidelines stated in the Youth Exchange Manual - Australia. The Guidelines will be applied to Inbound students.

An essential requirement of Rotary is that the whereabouts of a student is known at all times by the Sponsor and Host Districts for the purpose of ensuring the student's safety and wellbeing, and for direct contact in the case of emergencies.

1. Official tours organised by the Rotary District Youth Exchange Committee, Rotary Clubs and Hosting Schools have been arranged to provide the student with an opportunity of seeing the area in which they are hosted. It is important the 'Authority for Inbound Students to Travel on Rotary and School Sponsored Excursions and Tours' be completed.

 Travel with Host Parents, the Rotary Club and individual Rotarians is permitted within Western Australia, as per conditions shown in Rule 5 on 'Rules for Outbound Students' form.
 The Chairman of the District Youth Exchange Committee must be informed, in writing

together with an itinerary, well in advance of proposed travel, and formally approve all trips *outside* Western Australia.

4. Any such travel within the Host Country may be undertaken with the prior permission of the Host Club President and the District Chair. An 'Authority for Inbound Students to Travel on Rotary and School Sponsored Excursions and Tours' form must have been submitted previously.
5. Independent and unaccompanied student travel, while generally is discouraged, may be approved by the District Chair under certain controlled conditions.

6. Travel with Natural Parents is strongly discouraged. The Chairman of the Host District must be contacted prior to the arrangement of travel with/visits from any family member, including Natural Parents. , The Host Districts rules regarding family visits, including any restrictions on the time of year they will be approved, must be abided by. Typically, visits/travel must only occur in the final quarter of the exchange, and during school holidays. They must not clash with Host Family or Club arrangements.

7. Travel by the student with natural parents outside the Host Country is not permitted.

8. Travel during school term is not permitted.

9. The student may not telephone another Rotary Club directly to ask for hosting on a trip.

10. The student should not return home by any route other than a route arranged by the Sponsor District Youth Exchange Committee.