



Prime Minister's Youth Programme 2015



Frequently Asked Questions

About the Prime Minister's Youth Programme (PMYP)

What is PMYP?

Held annually since 2010, PMYP is for young people who have faced and are managing challenges in their lives. Participants attend the week-long programme, where they experience a mix of exciting and challenging activities and engage with high achieving New Zealanders.

There are places for 100 young people to attend PMYP 2015.

When will PMYP 2015 be held?

PMYP 2015 will be held during the last week of the school holidays from Monday 19 January to Friday 23 January 2015.

Why is PMYP 2015 held?

It is important to recognise and celebrate successes of young people who have had the strength to change the path they are on as well as provide them with the opportunities to continue on that path. PMYP is designed to celebrate the young person's achievements and personal decisions they have made and give them the skills and relationships to continue to make positive steps.

Who organises PMYP?

PMYP is organised by the Ministry of Youth Development (MYD). MYD contracts local organisations that each develop and deliver a programme with input from their participants.

What will participants do during PMYP 2015?

During the week-long programme, participants will experience a mix of fun, challenging and developmental activities and engage with high achieving New Zealanders.

Previous programmes have offered activities such as white-water rafting, a design your own hoodie workshop and leadership building activities.

Will participants be asked to stay overnight?

Participants might be asked to stay overnight, however it is dependent on their programme. Once the young people have been selected they will be invited to a workshop for their programme, where information will be given about the structure of their week.

Will we need to provide transport?

Like staying overnight, this is dependent on their programme and information will be available at their workshop prior to the programme.

Young people may be required to make their own way to the programme of the start and end of the day, but support may be arranged to help with this if necessary.

What happens after PMYP 2015?

Following the programme, PMYP 2015 providers will continue to communicate with participants who will have the opportunity to attend their group catch up. Previous catch-ups have included attending a sports match and go-karting.

Nominating a Young Person

How are young people selected for PMYP 2015?

Young people are nominated to attend the programme by those that work with them. This could include a school principal or teacher, youth worker or a Police Youth Aid officer.

Nominations will close on 26 September 2014. Nominations received after 26 September will not be considered.

Who can be nominated for the Prime Minister's Youth Programme?

PMYP participants come from a diverse range of backgrounds and circumstances. PMYP is a reward for young people who have faced, or are facing, challenges, but have demonstrated strength of character to make positive and life-changing choices in their lives.

Programme participants must:

- be aged 14 - 17 (inclusive) on 18 August 2014
- live, work or attend school in South, West or Central Auckland
- be available to participate in the programme for the week of 19 January to 23 January 2015
- not be a previous PMYP participant.

An ideal candidate for the programme will be a young person who has:

- faced and is managing challenges in their life
- has made positive steps, such as moving away from low-level offending, truancy or has made improvements in their academic performance for a period of time, and
- will benefit from participating in the programme.

Which areas of Auckland are included?

Young people who live, work or attend school in South, West or Central Auckland are eligible to be nominated for the Prime Minister's Youth Programme.

The geographic area for eligibility has been worked out by local authority wards, including:

- Albert-Eden-Roskill Ward
- Manukau Ward
- Manurewa-Papakura Ward
- Waitākere Ward
- Whau Ward
- Waitemātā and Gulf Ward

Maps outlining these boundaries can be found on the Auckland Council Website:

<http://www.aucklandcouncil.govt.nz/EN/AboutCouncil/representativesbodies/LocalBoards/Pages/home.aspx>

What information should I provide about the person I am nominating to support their nomination?

To nominate a young person for PMYP 2015 you will be asked to provide details on:

- the challenges the young person has faced
- the positive steps the young person has made
- how the young person will benefit from participating in the programme and how these benefits will be sustained over the long term.

There are a limited number of places available for PMYP 2015. Please ensure that you provide specific examples that will help the selection panel assess the nominations. We have provided a word limit for each question to guide you on your answers.

Does the young person I am nominating have to do anything?

We recommend that the young person you are nominating completes their part of the referral form as it is an opportunity for them to tell their story in their own words. It also gives you the opportunity to talk with them about the significance of the programme and ensure that they would like to be nominated for the opportunity. You have decided to nominate them because you have recognised their achievements and it is great for them to know they are being recognised in this way.

We have found that it is useful for the person nominating the young person to talk with them about their story and to guide them through what information they may want to include. You may also want to copy these FAQs for the young person to take home to discuss this opportunity with their parent / guardian.

Does nominating a young person mean that they will be selected to attend the programme?

There are 100 places available for PMYP 2015; therefore nominating a young person does not necessarily mean that they will be selected to attend.

Following the closing date for nominations, all nominations will be assessed and a selection panel will make recommendations on the successful participants. The selection panel generally includes representatives from the Ministry of Social Development and the NZ Police.

Before nominating a young person for the programme, please ensure that you have discussed this process with them.

When can I expect to hear of the outcome of the nomination?

We anticipate that we will be able to notify you of the outcome of your nomination by Friday 31 October 2014.

Further Information

For further information on PMYP 2015, please contact the Programme Coordinator at the Ministry of Youth Development at pmyp@myd.govt.nz or 0508 367 693.