



110th Anzac-Day-Speech-for-High-Schools-Honouring-Courage-and-The-Enduring-Anzac-Spirit

Ladies and gentlemen, esteemed guests, and fellow Australians,

This morning, we gather on [Gadigal] Country, and we acknowledge and pay our respects to their Elders past, present, and emerging.

I also wish to honour the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander men and women who have served in the defence of Australia, as well as all current and former members of the Australian Defence Force. To the families of our Defence personnel, we recognise your sacrifices, your strength, and the unwavering support you provide.

Today, we commemorate 110 years since the landing at Gallipoli – a defining moment in our history that shaped the values of courage, mateship, and sacrifice that we hold dear as Australians.

Anzac Day is more than a date in history – it is a living legacy. It is a reminder of the selflessness and bravery of those who left their homes, their families, and their communities to serve something greater than themselves. They fought not just for victory, but for each other.

They showed us that strength is not only found in battles, but also in supporting one another, standing together in times of hardship, and always looking out for your mates.

As we mark this important anniversary, let us not only reflect on the past but also consider how we can carry the Anzac spirit into the future.

The same values that sustained our servicemen and women – courage, resilience, and looking after one another – are values that can shape our everyday lives.

To the young Australians here today, you are the future custodians of this legacy. You honour the Anzac spirit when you:

- Look after your mates, offering support when they need it most.
- Stand up for what is right, even when it is difficult.
- Give back to your community, recognising that we are stronger together.

Just as the Anzacs stood side by side in the trenches, we must stand together in our own communities – supporting, respecting, and uplifting one another.

On this 110th anniversary, we not only remember those who served at Gallipoli, but all Australians who have worn the uniform – past and present. We also acknowledge the families who have endured loss and hardship yet continue to show strength and resilience.

As we stand here today, let us recommit ourselves to upholding the values they fought for – not just in words, but in our actions.

In the spirit of Anzac, let us move forward as a nation that values unity, kindness, and service to others.

Lest we forget.