



110th Anzac-Day-Speech-for-High-Schools-Honouring-Sacrifice-and-The-Enduring-Spirit-of-Service

Ladies and gentlemen, distinguished 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.

We also honour the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander men and women who have served in the defence of Australia, alongside all current and former members of the Australian Defence Force. To the families of our Defence personnel, we extend our gratitude for your sacrifices, strength, and unwavering support.

Today, on this 110th anniversary of Anzac Day, we stand together as a community to remember, reflect, and honour the men and women who have served our nation with unwavering courage and sacrifice.

For more than a century, Australians have gathered on this day to pay tribute to those who left their homes, their families, and their futures to defend the freedoms we enjoy today. From the beaches of Gallipoli to the jungles of Vietnam, from the skies over Europe to the deserts of Afghanistan, they stood side by side – united in their duty, bound by their resilience, and strengthened by their mateship.

Their stories of bravery echo through history, reminding us that their sacrifices were not in vain. They fought not for glory, but for each other. They endured hardship not for themselves, but for their country.

As we remember the fallen, we must also recognise the families and loved ones who have endured loss and hardship, who have stood by our service men and women with unwavering support. Their sacrifices, too, have shaped our nation.

And to the young Australians here today – you are the future custodians of the Anzac spirit. You honour this legacy when you:

- Stand by your mates, just as the Anzacs did.
- Demonstrate resilience in the face of challenges, just as they showed us.
- Give back to your community, ensuring that we continue to look out for one another.

The Anzac spirit is not just about war. It is about service, sacrifice, and looking after each other. It is alive in our schools, in our sports teams, in our communities – it is in the way we come together in times of hardship and triumph alike.

As we observe a minute of silence in honour of the fallen, let us remember that Anzac Day is not only about looking back – it is also about looking forward.

We must continue to uphold the values for which our Anzacs fought:

- Courage, even in the face of fear.
- Mateship, even in the toughest times.
- Resilience, even when the road is difficult.

On this 110th anniversary, let us recommit ourselves to these principles. Let us carry the Anzac legacy forward, ensuring that their sacrifices are never forgotten, and their stories continue to inspire future generations.

Lest we forget.