



**Dominic Perrottet**

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**David Elliott**

Minister for Transport

Minister for Veterans

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## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **STUDENTS EMBARK ON PREMIER'S ANZAC MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP TOUR**

Twenty students from across NSW today embarked on a two-week study tour throughout NSW, the ACT and Darwin as part of the 2022 Premier's Anzac Memorial Scholarship.

NSW Premier Dominic Perrottet said the Scholarships provided students with an opportunity to further develop their knowledge and understanding of the history of Australians at war.

"This is a wonderful opportunity for the Scholarship recipients to learn about the military history of New South Wales and our nation, as well as the important contributions made by Australians who served in our defence forces and paid the ultimate sacrifice," Mr Perrottet said.

"A highlight of the trip will be a tour of significant historic locations associated with the Second World War in and around Darwin, particularly relevant this year as we commemorate the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the bombing of Darwin in 1942.

Minister for Transport, Veterans and Western Sydney David Elliott said the 20 successful students, from Sydney and regional NSW including Armidale, Bathurst, Young and Jindabyne, should be very proud of their excellent submissions.

"This year we had a fantastic response from some very enthusiastic students with more than 125 submissions from 103 NSW high schools from across the State," Mr Elliott said.

"Senior Historian and Curator at the Anzac Memorial, Brad Manera, will accompany the tour group to teach students about the nation's military past and give them an understanding of the importance of commemoration.

"The students will visit a number of significant historical sites including the Rocky Hill War Memorial and Museum in Goulburn, the Lithgow Small Arms Factory, the Australian War Memorial in Canberra, the Japanese War Cemetery in Cowra, the Sydney Jewish Museum and Garden Island Naval Heritage Centre," Mr Elliott said.

Each Scholar submitted a personal essay, a marked history assignment and a letter of recommendation from their school to be considered for the Scholarship. The scholars also completed a research task prior to the tour and will share their work and experiences with their local community after the tour.

Laura Perry from Holsworthy High School said she applied to the program to learn more about Australia's military history and was looking forward to the experience.

“I’m looking forward to visiting some historical sites to honour my family’s service, my father is currently serving in the Navy and my mother is a veteran, it is a privilege to be part of the scholarship tour,” Laura said.

The tour runs from Friday 23 September to 6 October 2022. More information on the Premier’s Anzac Memorial Scholarship is available [here](#).

### 2022 Premier’s Anzac Memorial Scholars

First	Surname	School	State Electorate
Aaron	Rucinski	SHORE School	North Shore
Alexander	Woolnough	Wollemi College	Londonderry
Angus	O'Brien	Jindabyne Central School	Monaro
Auryn	Griffiths	Dulwich Hill High School of Visual Arts and Design	Summer Hill
Blainey	Heath	Kandos High School	Bathurst
Chloe	Familton	Cherrybrook Technology High	Epping
Gabrielle	Varnakulasingha	St Patrick College Campbelltown	Campbelltown
Gwen	Rumbel	Dungog High School	Upper Hunter
Iris	Lee	Barker College	Hornsby
Jack	Izzard	Richard Johnson Anglican School	Mount Druitt
Jorja	O'Brien	Hennessy Catholic College	Cootamundra
Karina	Kowalczyk	Willoughby Girls High School	Willoughby
Lachlan	Middlemiss	St Philips Christian College Gosford	Gosford
Laura	Perry	Holsworthy High School	Holsworthy
Megan	Johnson	Oxley High School	Tamworth
Meisha	Green	MidCoast Christian College	Myall Lakes
Molly	Simpson	Corpus Christi Catholic High School	Shellharbour
Rebecca	Edmonds	Cumberland High School	Parramatta
Scarlett	Hall	Mackillop College Bathurst	Bathurst
Sophia-Rose	Markham	Armidale Secondary College	Northern Tablelands

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