



INFORMATION FOR SCHOOL AND COLLEGE PRINCIPALS – 2016 TOUR

Scholarship background

The Premier's Anzac Memorial Scholarship will fund a study tour for up to 20 young people to travel to the Western Front, in France and Belgium, during July 2016. Students will visit the battlefields where the Anzacs fought, discover their experiences and commemorate their memory.

Special consideration will be given to applicants whose current financial, personal or family circumstances would normally preclude them from overseas travel.

The scholarship will meet the costs associated with the tour: travel, transfers, accommodation, meals, luggage, official clothing and additional equipment as required, travel insurance, a small sum of money for out-of-pocket expenses and other costs as necessary.

Application process

Each school may nominate one applicant only, based on the student applications submitted. In the event that more than one student from a school applies for the scholarship, it will be the principal's responsibility to select the most worthy applicant in accordance with the selection criteria for the scholarship.

Students must submit their applications to their principal in writing using the Premier's Anzac Memorial Scholarship Application Form provided on the Veterans' Affairs website. Application Forms are available at: veterans.nsw.gov.au by following the link from the Education tab.

The application process requires that a personal statement and answers to questions are provided by the student. Parents or caregivers must also provide permission for their child to participate.

A principal's reference and a reference from one of the school's history teachers is also required and should be submitted with the application.

Students should submit their application form to their school or college principal by **30 November 2015**.

Applications should be forwarded by the principal to premierscholarship@dpc.nsw.gov.au by **11 December 2015**.

Eligibility

A student applying for a Premier's Anzac Memorial Scholarship must be:

- must be enrolled in Year 9 or 10 in 2015 at a NSW government or non-government secondary school or college
- must be currently studying history and intend to continue studying history into Year 12
- must be an Australian Citizen or a permanent resident of Australia.

Each application must be supported by two referees, one of whom must be the principal of the student's school.

Selection Criteria

The students selected will be representing New South Wales and will spend time with the Premier, a range of officials, adults and fellow students from both government and non-government schools.

In selecting the 2016 Premier's Anzac Memorial Scholarship recipients, school principals and selection panel will consider the selection criteria and conditions listed below.

They will look for applicants who:

- display a genuine interest in Australian history, including the role that participation in wars has played in the development of Australia
- demonstrate involvement in the commemoration of Anzac Day and related events or a deep interest in the Anzac tradition
- show they have made a positive contribution to the school community
- can follow very high standards of behaviour, dress and protocol and be independent, trustworthy and able to complete tasks by specified deadlines.

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Conditions

1. Students must have parental/caregiver permission to participate.
2. Each student application must contain comments from two referees: the first referee is the applicant's history teacher and **the second referee must be the school principal**.
3. Students must agree that relevant information on their application form may be used in media releases. (Note: Veterans' Affairs, Department of Premier and Cabinet, and the NSW Department of Education will carefully monitor information that is made public)
4. Successful applicants will produce a report on their experiences of the scholarship study tour. (This may be in the form of an essay, artwork, musical composition, tour blog or digital presentation)



Further information

Further information is available on the Veterans' Affairs website at veterans.nsw.gov.au by following the link from the Education tab. If you have additional questions please contact Bryony Feltham by phone (02) 9228 4710 or email at bryony.feltham@dpc.nsw.gov.au.

