



The Hon Victor Dominello MP

Minister for Citizenship and Communities
Minister for Aboriginal Affairs

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NSW STUDENTS TO HONOUR THE ANZAC SPIRIT

The recipients of the 2012 Premier's ANZAC Memorial Scholarships have been announced today by Minister for Citizenship and Communities Victor Dominello MP and RSL State Vice President John Haines AM.

Minister Dominello said the 20 chosen students will represent NSW schools at visits to ANZAC sites in Korea and the Western Front, and in Singapore and Vietnam and take part in commemorative services in those places.

"This will be a life-changing experience for these young people and will guarantee the courage and sacrifice of our ANZAC servicemen and women lives on in a new generation of Australians," Mr Dominello said.

"They will bring back what they have learnt to their schools and to their communities to ensure that the ANZAC legacy is honoured and preserved," Mr Dominello said.

Minister Dominello said the Year 10 and 11 students were selected for their commitment to the study of Australian history, and for their passion and involvement in maintaining the ANZAC tradition in their communities.

"These students have come from all around the State, from Wee Waa to Ulladulla, from Emmaville to Sydney suburbs, and they share a desire to better understand our nation's history and to learn from the lessons of previous generations," Mr Dominello said.

"When you consider many of our servicemen and women who participated in theatres of war in far flung places were only a few years older than these 20 young scholars and were from the same variety of places, I am sure that these students will connect in a special way on their pilgrimage.

"They will gain an appreciation of what our servicemen and women went through in the jungles and paddies of Vietnam and the fierce battles of the Western Front," Mr Dominello said.

The scholarship program has been expanded to take in two tours each year through to the Centenary of the end of the First World War in 2018.

"The students will take part in commemorative activities at schools and memorials as well as submitting an individual project about their experiences. On their return they will use their experiences to disseminate the valuable lessons they have gleaned from their travels," Mr Dominello concluded.



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Recipients of the 2012 Premier's ANZAC Memorial Scholarships and their schools are:

Name	Year	School
Megan Alexander	10	Henry Kendall High School, Gosford
Mariah Bowers	10	Maclean High School
David Atkins	11	Caringbah High School
Genevieve Coffey	11	Cheltenham Girls High School
Tess Gordon	11	Northern Beaches Secondary College, Manly
Liam Huybers	11	Whitebridge High School
Justin Keith	11	Southern Cross School, Ballina
Bianca Kenny	11	Port Macquarie High School
Abbey Mitchell	10	Glenmore Park High School
Jacob Mitchell	10	St Gregory's College Campbelltown
Andrew Moulder	11	Great Lakes College
Harriet O'Shea	11	Wee Waa High School
Jacqueline Rhodes	11	Castle Hill High School
Georgia Rowntree	11	Westfields Sports High School, Fairfield
Jack Simmons	11	Smiths Hill High School
Zachary Smith	11	Ulladulla High School
Maddison Smith	11	Campbelltown Performing Arts High School
Alexander Staats	10	Bowral High School
Jaslyn Tuckwell	11	Gloucester High School
Blythe Vogel	11	Albury High School

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