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YOUNG SCHOLARS KEEP THE ANZAC LEGACY ALIVE

Sixteen recipients of the 2013 Premier's ANZAC Memorial Scholarships were announced today by Minister for Citizenship and Communities Victor Dominello.

The Year 10 and 11 students from schools across NSW will make a pilgrimage to sites of historical military significance in South East Asia, including Singapore, to learn more about the Anzac legacy.

Mr Dominello met seven of the students at the annual Schools Remember Anzac service at the ANZAC Memorial in Hyde Park in Sydney today. The scholars' trip will take place over two weeks in June and July this year.

"This is a unique opportunity for the students to learn about Australia's military involvement in the region, not from text-books but through first-hand experience," Mr Dominello said. "The group will visit the sites of military bases and other significant places where Australian servicemen and women served their country."

In remembrance of fallen Anzacs, the scholars will scatter the ashes of commemorative paper stars inscribed with the names of Australian casualties of war, originally cast in tribute by visitors to the ANZAC Memorial.

"By seeing the places where Australian servicemen lived and fought, and by forging connections with local communities, this unparalleled real-life learning experience will undoubtedly open their eyes to the realities of war," Mr Dominello said.

"The scholars' connection with the Anzac legacy will continue when they return as they share their experiences with their schools and local communities back home.

"The Anzac spirit is something that binds us all regardless of our age or cultural background. The NSW Government is committed to making Anzac commemorations inclusive of all citizens, whether they were born here or overseas."

Mr Dominello said the 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. Two teachers were also selected to accompany the group.

Before and after their trip, the scholars will play a leading role in commemorative activities at schools and memorials as well as submitting an individual project about their experiences.

A list of scholars for the South East Asia trip follows on the next page.

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**PREMIER'S ANZAC MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIPS
SOUTH EAST ASIA 2013**

Scholars	School
Cameron Allan	Merewether High School
Paul Blackman	McCarthy Catholic College
Sarah Erimya	Bonnyrigg High School
Effie Fergusson	Dunedoo Central School
Jack Gohl	St Joseph's College
Ani Hoxha	Elderslie High School
Simran Kaur	Sydney Girls High School
Tahmyna Khoshnoud-Rad	Henry Kendall High School
Corey Matthews-Wood	St Marys Senior High School
James Mitchell	Albury High School
Isobel McDonald	Monte Saint Angelo Mercy College
Milena Mitic	Girraween High School
Gabrielle Nguyen	St George Girls High School
Benjamin Standen	Nowra High School
Willis Thompson	Wauchope High School
Luke Wye	Nyngan High School
Teachers	School
Kylea Rowing	Batemans Bay High School
Darren Williams	Chatham High School