

Media Release

The Hon Natalie Suleyman MP

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EYES ON THE PRIZE – STUDENTS TO SHARE IN ANZAC SPIRIT

Secondary school students in Victoria will be given an opportunity to develop a deep understanding of the Anzac legacy and Australia's connection to Türkiye with the 2023 Premier's Spirit of Anzac Prize competition.

Minister for Veterans Natalie Suleyman today announced the opening of the prize - an annual award program for Victorian students in Years 9 to 12.

Supported by the Andrews Labor Government, this year's Prize is a celebration of Türkiye's Centenary of Independence and the significant ties between Australia and Türkiye.

Ten students will be selected to embark on an unforgettable journey to battlefields and commemorative sites in Türkiye, retracing the experience of Australian men and women at war on the Gallipoli Peninsula and surrounds and learning about the making of the Anzac legend.

The Spirit of Anzac Prize also offers students the opportunity to participate in a unique educational program that fosters understanding and appreciation for our nation's Anzac spirit.

By entering the competition, students can convey their interpretation of the Anzac spirit via written, creative, or digital formats.

Students are encouraged to seize this opportunity to explore the Anzac legacy and strengthen their connections to Australia's veteran community.

To apply or find out more about the prize, visit vic.gov.au/SOAP.

Quotes attributable to Minister for Veterans Natalie Suleyman

"We want to ensure young Victorians understand, appreciate, and respect the Anzac legacy and can pass their knowledge on to their peers and their communities."

"The Spirit of Anzac Prize is one way we can ensure that year 9, 10, 11, and 12 students commemorate Australia's war and peacekeeping history".