

# Media Release

**The Hon Natalie Suleyman MP**  
Minister for Veterans  
Minister for Small Business  
Minister for Youth



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## ENCOURAGING STUDENTS TO EMBRACE ANZAC SPIRIT

Victorian students are encouraged to explore how Victorians came together to build the Shrine of Remembrance and other war memorials as part of the 2024 Premier's Spirit of Anzac Prize competition.

Minister for Veterans Natalie Suleyman today announced the opening of the annual award competition which invites students in Years 9 to 12 in Victoria to apply for a unique international study tour opportunity.

Students are asked to delve deeper into the essence of the Anzac spirit as they develop their submissions, which can take the form of written pieces, creative works, and digital presentations.

The Prize delivers on the Allan Labor Government's 2022 election commitment to give 12 young students the opportunity to join a fully funded study tour.

This year, the selected students will 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.

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

Since its inception in 2005, the Spirit of Anzac Prize has supported more than 500 students embark on journeys to significant military and historical sites across Europe, Southeast Asia, and Australia.

Applications are open until Monday, 29 April. To apply or find out more visit [www.vic.gov.au/premiers-spirit-anzac-prize](http://www.vic.gov.au/premiers-spirit-anzac-prize)

### Quotes attributable to Minister for Veterans Natalie Suleyman

*"The Spirit of Anzac Prize is a creative way young leaders can reflect on our nation's history, the sacrifice associated with military service and the unique friendship between Victoria and Türkiye."*

*"I encourage all eligible young Victorians to consider applying for a once-in-a-lifetime educational opportunity."*