



Thank you for your interest in applying for the Premier's ANZAC Memorial Scholarship. All the information you need is included below to help you prepare your application. I'll also place the links on our website for reference over the holidays.

### **SCHOLARSHIP BACKGROUND:**

The Premier's Anzac Memorial Scholarship (PAMS) will fund a study tour for up to 22 young people to travel to the Western Front, in France and Belgium, during September 2017. Students will visit the battlefields where the Anzacs fought, discover their experiences and commemorate their memory. The scholarship will meet the costs associated with the tour: travel, transfers, accommodation, meals, luggage, official clothing and additional equipment as required, travel insurance and other costs as necessary.

### **SELECTION PROCESS**

On 21 November 2016, 21 NSW schools were selected via ballot to award on student an opportunity to be part of the 2017 PAMS tour. Each school must run a local process to select one student who is enrolled in either Year 10 or 11 in 2017 to travel on the tour. Schools will follow a two-stage selection process:

#### **Stage 1**

Students submit a piece of work that relates to the Centenary of Anzac and is centred round **one** of the following three themes:

- Education: helping to ensure the sacrifices of Australia's service men & women are understood;
- Commemoration: marking the involvement of Australians who have served;
- Heritage: conserving and recording our military history.

Students are able to choose a format for their submission. Suitable projects include:

- A research task
- An essay
- A poem, song or monologue that could be performed at school
- Art or technical works in any form of multi media

Students submit the work to Mrs Brown (HT History) by **3pm on the 13<sup>th</sup> February 2017.**

#### **Stage 2**

A school/community panel considers the work submitted and creates a shortlist of students who will then present their work to the panel in an interview setting.

In addition to the school principal, the panel may include:



- A community member, in the first instance a representative of the local RSL.
  - A member of the school's teaching staff (executive or non-executive).
  - A representative of the school's Parent and Citizen's Association
- Government schools may also consider inviting a member of the local NSW Aboriginal Education Consultative Group to participate.

At the interview, students will be asked to discuss their work and the panel will have the opportunity to form a view as to the student's capacity to undertake the tour, be an appropriate representative of NSW in the tour setting, and communicate effectively on his or her return.

The panel's recommendation and supporting documentation is sent in by 28 February 2017.

## **ELIGIBILITY**

A student applying for a Premier's Anzac Memorial Scholarship must be enrolled in Year 10 or 11 in 2017 at one of the 21 schools drawn in the 2017 PAMS ballot.

## **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 nongovernment schools.

In selecting the 2017 PAMS recipients, applicants should be able to demonstrate that they:

- display a genuine interest in Australian history, including the role that participation in wars has played in the development of Australia.
- have had 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.
- accept the following conditions:
  - i. have parental/caregiver permission to participate
  - ii. agree to have elements of their application used in media releases and on official NSW Government websites (Note: Veterans' Affairs, Department of Premier and Cabinet, and the NSW Department of Education will carefully monitor information that is made public)
  - iii. produce a report on their experiences of the scholarship study tour that will be published on the Veterans' Affairs website.

I have also included FAQ to answer other questions you may have. Further information can be found at [www.veterans.nsw.gov.au/education/premiers-anzac-memorial-scholarship/](http://www.veterans.nsw.gov.au/education/premiers-anzac-memorial-scholarship/)

Good Luck!!  
Mrs Fiona Brown  
HT History.



## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS – 2017 TOUR

### **What are the Premier's Anzac Memorial Scholarships?**

Inaugurated in 2009, the Premier's Anzac Memorial Scholarships (PAMS) give around 20 students each year the opportunity to travel overseas to one or more of the sites traditionally associated with the Anzac story in the 20th Century. Where possible, the scholarship tour will include participation in Anzac Day, Remembrance Day or other significant commemoration ceremonies. Each tour will be accompanied by NSW teachers and a tour military historian.

### **How were the 2017 schools selected?**

The Minister for Veterans Affairs David Elliott launched the 2017 PAMS ballot on 18 October 2016. All NSW Government, Catholic and Independent schools with students enrolled in years 10 and 11 were encouraged to submit an online Expression of Interest before 14 November 2016 to enter the ballot.

The ballot was drawn at 12 noon on Monday 21 November by NSW Centenary of Anzac Ambassadors Ken Gillespie and Ian Crawford with representatives from the Department of Education and Veterans Affairs within the Department of Premier and Cabinet.

The ballot was designed to ensure equitable representation across Government, Catholic and Independent schools from metropolitan and non-metropolitan areas across NSW. Out of 136 entries 21 schools were drawn.

Unsuccessful schools will be notified in writing.

### **How are the 2017 Scholarship recipients being selected?**

The 21 schools selected in the ballot will manage the selection of a student locally. Local selection process guidelines are available on the Veterans Affairs website to guide schools through the two-stage selection process:

- Students wishing to apply will be invited to submit a piece of work on a theme or topic that relates to the Centenary of Anzac.
- A school/community panel will be established to consider the work submitted and shortlist students who will present their work to the local panel in an interview setting.

Schools are to provide their local panel's recommendation to the NSW Veterans Affairs Office by 28 February 2017.

### **When will students know if they are successful?**

Successful students will be announced by April 2017.

### **How are the accompanying teachers selected?**

Teachers will be invited to apply in February 2017 via the Veterans Affairs website, and more information about this process will be provided then.

### **Where will the scholars travel to in 2017 and for how long?**

The 2017 PAMS tour will visit sites on the Western Front, in France and Belgium, that are significant to Australia's military history, and that coincide with memorial ceremonies. The tour will be around



12 days duration and will leave in late September 2017.

### **How much will the tour cost?**

The NSW Government will fund the cost of student and supervising teachers' travel, accommodation, meals, visas, full entrance fees, travel insurance and all transfers (including travel to and from Sydney and accommodation (if required) for students outside of the Sydney Metropolitan area).

### **Where can I get more information about the 2017 Premier's Anzac Memorial Scholarships?**

There is information about the scholarship on the education tab of the Veterans Affairs' website: [veterans.nsw.gov.au](http://veterans.nsw.gov.au). Or you can contact Veterans' Affairs on:

- telephone: (02) 9228 4710
- email: [premierscholarship@dpc.nsw.gov.au](mailto:premierscholarship@dpc.nsw.gov.au)

