

2025 Premier's Anzac Memorial Scholarship

About the Premier's Anzac Memorial Scholarship

Managed and delivered by the NSW Government [Office for Veterans Affairs](#) (OVA), the Premier's Anzac Memorial Scholarship gives selected high school History students the opportunity to travel on a study tour to develop their knowledge and understanding of the history of Australians at war. The Premier's Anzac Memorial Scholarship program was established by the NSW Government in 2008 and recipients have travelled to locations across Europe, Asia and Australia. The OVA delivers the tour in partnership with a specialist education tour operator and in consultation with the Department of Education and the History Teachers' Association of NSW.

In 2025, up to 20 scholarships are available to eligible high school students. The scholarship is a fully funded* position on a prestigious study tour accompanied by a military historian, including meals, activities, travel, accommodation, and uniform. Scholarship recipients who have difficult financial circumstances may also be considered for additional support, such as for travel to and from the Pre-Tour Meeting, and travel to and from the study tour. Scholarship recipients may be invited to participate in media interviews and will appear on official NSW Government websites.

The itinerary of the study tour will include significant places in the Republic of Korea, including Seoul, Incheon and Gyeongju, to better understand the history of Australians serving during the Korean War. The tour will also travel to Singapore and visit military and cultural sites relating to the history of the Second World War including Kranji War Memorial and Changi Chapel and Museum. The tour will take place in the 2025 Term 3 school holidays, departing on Monday, 29 September and returning to Sydney on Friday, 10 October 2025. The full itinerary will be shared closer to the dates of the tour and will be subject to change, depending on circumstances, up to the point of departure and/or during the tour.

The key attributes required of Premier's Anzac Memorial Scholars are set out on page 4 of the Student Application Guidelines. These include having a strong interest in history, respect for Australian defence service and being a positive contributor to the community. The study tour is a challenging experience, with long days and multiple activities throughout the day and into the evening (see example of a typical tour day on page 5 of the Student Application Guidelines). Although scholars meet prior to the tour, travelling and sharing accommodation with new acquaintances may be stressful. The busy itinerary, limited downtime and the nature of group travel mean the tour can be physically, socially, and emotionally demanding. Because of this, it is essential that scholars are resilient, adaptable, and capable of successfully completing the program.

**Some additional costs will need to be covered by families such as passport application costs and travel to and from Sydney for the Pre-Tour Meeting and to and from the Study Tour.*

Eligibility Criteria

To be considered for the 2025 Premier's Anzac Memorial Scholarship, students applying must:

1. be an Australian citizen or permanent resident of Australia

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- 2.be enrolled in Year 10 or 11 at a NSW high school in 2025
- 3.be at least 16 years old by 31 December 2025
- 4.be studying History or Modern History at a NSW high school in 2025^
- 5.have a current passport that will be valid for six months beyond the duration of the tour or agree to obtain a current passport that will be valid for six months beyond the duration of the tour, if awarded a scholarship
- 6.be available to attend a full day Pre-Tour Meeting at the **Anzac Memorial in Hyde Park Sydney on Monday, 7 July 2025**
- 7.be available to attend the tour in the Term 3 school holidays from **Monday, 29 September to Friday, 10 October 2025**
- 8.provide a personal 1,000-word essay responding to the question in Section 4 - How to apply for a scholarship.
- 9.provide a letter of endorsement from their school Principal and History teacher
- 10.provide a signed parental/guardian consent form to apply and participate in the program
- 11.agree to produce a piece/pieces of work as part of the program that may be published on NSW Government media platforms, including a research task and speech to be presented on the study tour.

^The Premier's Anzac Memorial Scholarship is most beneficial to students studying Modern History. Students who are only studying Ancient History in 2025 are ineligible to apply.

Privacy Notice

The personal information collected on this application form may be used to assess and verify the details provided in the application; to contact the applicant, should the selection panel require further information; and to publicise and administer the Premier's Anzac Memorial Scholarship tour. The information may be accessed and used by the NSW Government. The applicant's parent/caregiver consents to all such use by signing this form. If this application is successful, basic information such as the student's name and school will be published on the Office for Veterans Affairs website and may be provided to local MPs and media outlets.

Applicant Information

** indicates a required field*

Personal Details

Student Name *

Title	First Name	Last Name
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

Date of Birth *

Must be a date.

Are you of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander origin? *

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☐ Yes

☐ No

Are you an Australian citizen or permanent resident of Australia? *

☐ Yes

☐ No

To which gender identity do you most identify? *

☐ Male

☐ Female

☐ Non-binary

☐ Other:

Home Address *

Address

Address Line 1, Suburb/Town, State/Province, Postcode, and Country are required.

Mobile Number *

Must be an Australian phone number.

Please provide your own personal mobile number, and not that of a parent or guardian.

Home Phone Number

Must be an Australian phone number.

Personal Email Address *

Must be an email address.

Please provide your own personal email address, and not that of a parent or guardian.

Student's School Email Address *

Must be an email address.

Student's personal school email address ending in nsw.edu.au

Attach a recent school or passport photograph of yourself *

Attach a file:

School Information

What is the name of the school you are currently attending? *

School Address *

Address

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Address Line 1, Suburb/Town, State/Province, Postcode, and Country are required.

What year are you in? *

☐ Year 10

☐ Year 11

What subjects are you studying in 2025? *

You must be studying History or Modern History in 2025 to apply. Students only studying Ancient History in 2025 are ineligible to apply. Please clearly note if you are studying any accelerated HSC courses in 2025.

Passport

In 2025, the Premier's Anzac Memorial Scholarship study tour will visit locations in the Republic of Korea and Singapore. If you are successful, you will need a current passport that will be valid for six months beyond the duration of the tour.

Please indicate whether you currently hold a valid passport or whether you will obtain one before the trip if selected. *

☐ I have a current passport that will be valid for six months beyond the duration of the tour.

☐ I will obtain a new passport prior to the trip if my application is successful.

Availability

To be considered for a Premier's Anzac Memorial Scholarship, you must attend the mandatory in person Pre-Tour Meeting in Sydney **Monday, 7 July 2025** and the study tour in the Term 3 school holidays (**Monday, 29 September to Friday, 10 October 2025**). Please confirm your availability for these dates.

If selected for the Scholarship, will you be available to attend the mandatory in person Pre-Tour Meeting at the Anzac Memorial in Sydney on Monday 7 July 2025? *

☐ Yes

☐ No

If selected for the Scholarship, I will be available to undertake the study tour in the Term 3 school holidays (Monday, 29 September to Friday, 10 October 2025). *

☐ Yes

☐ No

Health and Medical Information

* indicates a required field

In this section we are collecting health and medical information to understand how we will need to support you on the tour if you are selected. This information is required to inform planning for the pre-tour meeting, the final itinerary and tour logistics.

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Health and Medical Conditions

Do you have health or medical conditions we should be aware of to support you if you are selected? (Such as travel sickness, asthma, diabetes, allergies, epilepsy, depression, anxiety, autism etc.) *

☐ Yes ☐ No

Details of Health and Medical Conditions

Please provide details of your health and medical conditions including triggers, severity and management. *

Special and Mobility Needs

Do you have any special or mobility needs we should be aware of to support you if you are selected (Such as vision, hearing, physical, intellectual, or emotional needs) *

☐ Yes ☐ No

Details of Special and Mobility Needs

Please provide details of your special or mobility needs. *

Personal Essay

*** indicates a required field**

Personal Essay

In this section, please submit your 1,000-word essay in response to the question below. Please refer to the student application guidelines for advice on how to write your essay.

Crowning the Anzac Memorial's Hall of Memory is a domed ceiling covered with approximately 120,000 golden stars. The stars are a symbolic representation of the men and women from New South Wales who embarked for overseas service during the Great War (1914 - 1918).

Explain how war memorials support young people in New South Wales to understand the experiences of Australians who have served in wars and peacekeeping operations. Use the Anzac Memorial's dome of stars, a war memorial in NSW that you have visited, and a commemorative service you have observed or participated in as examples to illustrate your response.

Upload your personal essay *

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Attach a file:

Applicants should use the traditional essay format of Introduction / Body / Conclusion and should not include subheadings or photographs. Do not submit work that is not your own such as work that has been generated with Artificial Intelligence (AI) or has been written by someone else. For more information on how marks are awarded, read Section 5 (Assessment process and selection standards), Appendix 1: Advice for Applicants and Appendix 2: Assessment Criteria and Scoring Matrix.

Principal and History Teacher Letter of Recommendation

* indicates a required field

School Principal

Principal Information *

Title First Name Last Name

<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
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Principal Phone Number *

Must be an Australian phone number.
Please provide a direct phone number.

Principal Email *

Must be an email address.
Please provide a direct email address.

History Teacher

History Teacher *

Title First Name Last Name

<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
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History Teacher Phone Number *

Must be an Australian phone number.
Please provide a direct contact number.

History Teacher Email *

Must be an email address.
Please provide a direct email address.

Letter of recommendation

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In this section please upload a letter of recommendation signed by your school Principal and History teacher. The letter must use the template which is provided [here](#).

Upload letter of recommendation *

Attach a file:

Ensure that your letter is complete and signed before uploading.

Parent/Guardian Details and Consent

* indicates a required field

Parent/Guardian 1

Name *

Title

First Name

Last Name

Relationship to student *

Address *

Address

Address Line 1, Suburb/Town, State/Province, Postcode, and Country are required.

Mobile Phone Number *

Must be an Australian phone number.

Home Phone Number

Email *

Must be an email address.

Parent/Guardian 2

Name

Title

First Name

Last Name

Relationship to student

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Address

Address

Mobile Phone Number

Must be an Australian phone number.

Home Phone Number

Must be an Australian phone number.

Email

Must be an email address.

Parent/Guardian Consent Form

In this section please upload a completed and signed parent/guardian consent form which is available on the Office for Veterans Affairs website [here](#).

Upload parent/guardian consent form *

Attach a file:

Please ensure that your consent form is completed and signed before uploading.

Applicant Declaration

* indicates a required field

I confirm that I have read, understood and accept the conditions of the Premier's Anzac Memorial Scholarship.

I certify that all details supplied in this application and in any attached documents are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, and that the application has been submitted with the full knowledge and support of my school and parent/s or guardian/s.

I certify that the essay attached to this application is my own work.

I understand that if I am awarded a Scholarship I must attend the mandatory pre-tour meeting in Sydney on **Monday 7 July 2025** and the study tour in the Term 3 school holidays (**Monday, 29 September to Friday, 10 October 2025**).

I have read and understand the privacy notice.

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I am eligible to complete this application and have read and understood the declaration and privacy statement. *

☐ Yes

Applicant *

Title

First Name

Last Name

Declaration Date *

Must be a date.

How did you hear about the Premier's Anzac Memorial Scholarship? *

- ☐ My school/teacher
- ☐ A family member or friend
- ☐ Instagram
- ☐ Facebook
- ☐ My local RSL sub-Branch
- ☐ My local library
- ☐ Duke of Edinburgh
- ☐ Other:

No more than 1 choice may be selected.