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NSW TEACHERS RETRACING STEPS OF THE ANZACS

Minister for Veterans Affairs David Elliott invites history teachers from across NSW to walk the battlefields and trenches of the Western Front as part of the 2018 Premier's Anzac Memorial Scholarship tour.

From today, all teachers across the state can apply to participate in the 2018 tour. Successful applicants will join 20 students, other teachers and a tour historian on the educational and commemorative trip retracing the footsteps of the Anzacs for the centenary of the Battle of Hamel.

The 13-day tour will give students the opportunity to experience Australia's military story first-hand in Ypres, Passchendaele, the Somme and Flanders in Belgium.

The group will also participate in commemorations at cemeteries and memorials, as well as visiting battlefields, museums and other sites relevant to the Anzac tradition.

Accompanying teachers will provide supervision for the students during the tour, support their learning experience and enrich their own teaching practices on return so classrooms across NSW can reap the benefits of the tour.

Mr Elliott said the pilgrimage to the Western Front would encourage a new generation of students to gain a deeper understanding of the Anzac legacy.

"The 2018 tour is a rare professional development opportunity for NSW history teachers, which will enable teachers to provide younger generations with first-hand knowledge of the sacrifice and courage of our Anzacs," Mr Elliott said.

"It is vital that we remember the service of Australian men and women, and that their contribution to our nationhood and identity is honoured."

Applications close on 23 October 2017. Click [here](#) to apply or phone 8061 9288 / 1300 838 233.

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