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YOUNG HISTORIANS TOUR BATTLEFIELDS OF EUROPE

Six students from across NSW will tour historic battlefields in Greece, France and Belgium as part of the 2018 ClubsNSW Anzac Ambassadors Program.

Member for Albury, Greg Aplin welcomed the launch of the program today, encouraging local high school students to take part in the essay competition.

“I encourage students from across the electorate to apply for the Anzac Ambassadors Program for the chance of a lifetime to retrace the steps of our Anzacs who gave so much for our country,” Mr Aplin said.

Minister for Veterans Affairs David Elliott said it is important for young people and students to understand and commemorate the great sacrifices the Anzacs made over 100 years ago in foreign wars and on foreign battlefields.

“This journey to key First World War battlegrounds is an opportunity for students to deepen their understanding of the events and contributions made by young men and women that shaped our nation a century ago.”

The six successful applicants will travel to Athens and Lemnos in Greece, Villers-Brettonneux in France, Passchendaele in Belgium and London as part of a two-week tour sponsored by ClubsNSW.

Interested students have been asked to submit a 1000-word essay on “*Why is the Centenary of Anzac important for modern Australia?*”

ClubsNSW chief executive Anthony Ball said the Anzac Ambassadors Program aimed to enrich the lives of participating students by giving them a better understanding of the hardships faced by Australians during World War I.

“This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for school students to learn about the contributions and sacrifices made by Anzac soldiers, and to pass this knowledge onto their peers after they return home,” Mr Ball said.

Former Anzac Ambassador Eloise Cooper said she felt privileged to undertake such a life-changing experience shared with people who have become friends for life.

“The program provided me with an opportunity to realise the vastness of the challenges the Anzacs undertook, and has made me even prouder to be Australian.”

The tour will leave Sydney on 28 October and return home 7 November. Applications close Tuesday 31 July 2018. For more information about how to enter please visit www.clubsnsw.com.au/anzacambassadors

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