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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.

Minister for Veterans Affairs David Elliott launched the program today and called on high school students across the state to enter the competition by submitting an essay on the importance of the Anzac story for modern Australia.

“During the Centenary of Anzac, it is important to reflect on the great sacrifice that was made by Australian soldiers on foreign battlefields,” Mr Elliott said.

“This journey to key First World War battlegrounds, to retrace the steps of our Anzacs, 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 should 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 group leaves Sydney on 28 October and return 7 November. For details about how to enter, click [here](#).

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