



The

a competition for

Simpson

year 9 and 10 students

Prize

- One student winner from each State and Territory announced February 2004
- Winning students and two teachers travel to Turkey in April 2004 for ANZAC Day services
- Briefing programme for winning students, runners up and accompanying teachers in Canberra, March 2004



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background



The Gallipoli Campaign during the Great War 1914–18 was the first time that men and women served Australia as Australians in a war situation. The campaign was part of a plan to oust the Turks from the war and thereby to weaken Turkey's ally, Germany.

Australians were considered by some to be untried soldiers, secondraters, and 'six bob-a-day' tourists. By the end of the campaign the Australians had demonstrated some remarkable characteristics and were respected by soldiers from other nations. The ANZAC tradition was established on the beaches of Gallipoli from 25 April 1915 to the evacuation in December 1915, and has continued through other military conflicts in which Australians have been involved.

The ANZAC tradition, which includes the story of John Simpson Kirkpatrick, has been strengthened by the service of many who have served Australia, both on the battlefields and on the homefront, and it now forms part of our heritage.

the prizes

The State and Territory winners will travel to Gallipoli in April 2004 to attend the dawn service on ANZAC Day and other ANZAC Day ceremonies in Turkey. In March 2004 the winners will attend a two-day briefing programme in Canberra to prepare them for the trip. Two teachers will accompany the winning students to Turkey and will attend the Canberra briefing programme. The student runners up will also attend the Canberra programme. Travel, accommodation and meals expenses associated with the Turkey and Canberra trips will be met by the competition.

The Australian War Memorial's Battlefield and Cultural Tours will manage the Gallipoli trip which will be led by an Australian War Memorial curator/historian.

diary

Winners will be asked to keep a diary of their trip.

entrant's recognition

All students who participate in the competition will be provided with a certificate of participation.

NOTE: Previous winners are ineligible.

the Simpson Prize competition

You are asked to respond by either writing an essay of between 900 and 1200 words, or preparing an audio-visual presentation of up to 15 minutes, on this statement:

'Ordinary people doing extraordinary things.'

Refer to the original ANZACs and to the ANZAC spirit evident in Australian society at other times, to explain the extent to which you agree with this statement.

See your teacher for all the information about the requirements responses need to meet in order to be eligible for entry and details on how the entries will be judged.

Last year's winning entries are on this website: www.pa.ash.org.au/afssse

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