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QLD SCHOOL KIDS TO LEARN ANZAC LEGEND UNDER LNP

Queensland students under a Newman LNP Government will be given the opportunity to learn about the special place of the ANZAC tradition in shaping the Australian identity in lead up to the 100 year anniversary of the ANZAC landing at Gallipoli during WWI in 1915.

Hinchinbrook MP, Andrew Cripps, welcomed the initiative and said given the special significance of the centenary celebrations in 2015, it was important Queensland students had the opportunity to learn about the ANZAC tradition and its place in Australian history.

“Under a Newman LNP Government, 50 Queensland secondary school students will be given an opportunity to participate in a special competition in 2013, 2014 and of course in 2015. The successful students will secure the experience of a lifetime” said Mr Cripps.

“Five successful students will be selected in both 2013 and 2014 to attend overseas ANZAC services. To mark the centenary in 2015, a 40 strong delegation will pay their respects to the ANZAC’s at commemorative services at Gallipoli and on the Western Front” he said.

Mr Cripps said the competition would be open to all secondary students across Queensland and would involve the submission of entries explaining why the ANZAC sacrifice was important to all Australians, how it shaped our nation and why it was still relevant today.

“The competition is obviously focused on raising awareness amongst younger Queenslanders and helping to foster respect for the ANZAC tradition amongst the next and future generations. The LNP believes this is an important initiative” said Mr Cripps.

“A Newman LNP Government will commit \$1 million to fund this competition and the student delegations. There will only be one centenary anniversary of the ANZAC landing at Gallipoli, so it is important this milestone is appropriately recognised as a mark of respect” he said.

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