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### **High School Students Can Win Trip to Gallipoli**

Member for Hinchinbrook, Andrew Cripps has encouraged local high school students to enter a Queensland Government supported competition which could see them be part of an ANZAC commemorative delegation to visit Gallipoli and the Western Front.

Mr Cripps said the State Government had provided \$1 million over three years to send 50 students to learn what it was like for the tens of thousands of Australians who served in major World War 1 confrontations.

Five students will be selected to attend ceremonies marking ANZAC Day at Gallipoli and across the Western Front in each of 2013 and 2014, with a major delegation of 40 students to attend the 2015 centenary commemoration.

"The ANZAC tradition is one of the most enduring hallmarks of the Australian identity," Mr Cripps said.

"The Newman Government has launched this competition because we believe that it is vital our students, the first generations of children to grow up without a surviving ANZAC family member, keep the tradition strong".

"It will be the younger generations who ensure that ANZAC day remains, for many years to come, one of Australia's most important national occasions, and that the ANZACS and all they stood for are never forgotten" said Mr Cripps.

The competition will invite all Queensland high school students to submit a multimedia presentation addressing three themes:

- how has the ANZAC tradition shaped our nation?
- why the ANZAC tradition is still important?
- how will you, the first generation of school children to grow up without a surviving ANZAC, keep the tradition strong?

Winning presentations will be judged by a committee including the Premier, and representatives of the Australian Defence Force and families of Queenslanders involved in the ANZAC campaign.

Applications will open in the first week of Term 3 and close at the end of Term 3. Winners will be announced by the end of the school year in mid-December.

For more information on how to enter please contact the Department of Education and Training on 3237 0661 or email [international.services@deta.qld.gov.au](mailto:international.services@deta.qld.gov.au)

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