



Dear Colleague

The 2012 Simpson Prize

AN OPPORTUNITY FOR YEAR 9 AND 10 STUDENTS

I am pleased to provide advice about this year's competition. The Simpson Prize is a national competition for year 9 and 10 students which will see eight students, one from each State and Territory, accompanied by two teachers flown to Gallipoli or the Western Front to attend the dawn service and other ANZAC Day ceremonies in 2012. Students can choose to respond to the topic by writing an essay or preparing an audio-visual presentation.

The competition, whilst managed by the History Teachers' Association of Australia (HTAA) on behalf of the Australian Government, will be state based in terms of the judging. Schools can submit up to three entries to their local HTAA affiliate who will select the State/Territory winner and the runner up from these entries.

In March 2012, the winners and runners up will attend a two-day briefing program in Canberra. The selected teachers, who will accompany the winning students to Turkey or the Western Front, will also attend this program. The teachers will be selected by the Simpson Prize Advisory Committee from two nominees provided by each HTAA affiliate.

The enclosed material provides full information about the competition, including conditions of entry, timelines, guidelines and other details. I hope that you will encourage year 9 and 10 students from your school to participate; a photocopyable student information leaflet is enclosed. There is also a form to be completed by teachers who are interested in being considered for selection to accompany the students on the trip.

Should you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact your State or Territory representative or the national organisers whose details are also enclosed. Please note that entries must be received by the relevant HTAA affiliate by close of business on 9 December 2011. Previous winners are ineligible.

Your sincerely

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