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Three young Territorians will embark on the trip of a lifetime after being named the winners of the 2012 Anzac Spirit Study Tour Award.

Chief Minister, Terry Mills, congratulated this year’s winners; Shannon Hunt from Darwin High School, Tamara West from Kormilda College and Lauren Northcote from Dripstone Middle School at a special ceremony at Parliament House today.

“This is a terrific award that encourages young Territorians to explore the history of Anzac Day,” Mr Mills said.

“The legacy of freedoms secured through bloody sacrifice on battlefields must never be taken for granted and are important lessons to teach our children.

“As part of the Anzac Spirit Study Tour award, Year 9 and 10 students from across the Territory were invited to submit an entry in any medium expressing the relevance of the Anzac Spirit to 21st Century youth.

“I congratulate Lauren, Tamara and Shannon on their winning entries.

“For their efforts, the trio will travel to Europe in 2013 to visit the battlefields of the Western Front and participate in the Anzac Day commemorations in the French town of Villers-Bretonneux, which was liberated by the Australian and New Zealand Army Corps on 25 April 1918.

“This really will be a trip of a lifetime and I hope they share the stories they learn with their classmates back home, ensuring the Anzac spirit lives on.”

The winning entries were selected by a panel that included Air Commodore Ken Watson Commander Northern Command, Don Milford of the Returned and Service’s League, and representatives from the Department of Education and Children’s Services and the Department of Business.

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