Territorians depart on Chief Minister’s Anzac Spirit Study Tour Award

Three young Territorians will today embark on the trip of a lifetime after winning the Chief Minister’s Anzac Spirit Study Tour Award to encourage young Territorians to explore the history of Anzac Day.

Chief Minister Paul Henderson today personally farewelled the young Territorians at Darwin Airport as they departed on a firsthand experience to learn about Australian Military history and the continuing importance of Australia’s involvement in conflicts and peacekeeping missions.

“I have no doubt these young Territorians will be excellent advocates for the Territory and continue to share their stories and their knowledge with their family and friends many days after their tour finishes,” Henderson said.

“As part of the Study Tour this year we’re launching the Chief Minister’s Anzac Spirit Study Tour Award Facebook page so students like Luci, Matthew and Tayler can share their experience and inspire others to learn about Australian military history.

“It is part of our Territory 2030 target to ensure all students have access to high-quality education and more curriculum choices across the Northern Territory.

Luciana Susanto (Palmerston Senior College), Matthew Humphreys (Casuarina Senior College) and Tayler Cosentino (Casuarina Senior College) headed to France and Belgium to tour World War One sites and participate in the Anzac Day commemorations in the town of Villers-Bretonneux, which was liberated by the Australian and New Zealand Army Corps on 25 April 1918.

The students are accompanied by Corporal Christopher Billen (1st Brigade) and teacher chaperone, Tracy Hurst (St Philips College).

The winning students answered the question ‘what inspiration does the legend of the Anzac provide for youth in the 21st Century?’ and were judged the winners ahead of more than 200 fellow students.

Current year 9 and 10 students can answer the question ‘what inspiration does the legend of the Anzac provide for youth in the 21st Century?’ in a variety of formats to win the chance to head to Europe in 2013.

Entries for the 2012 Chief Minister’s Anzac Spirit Study Tour Award close on 10 August 2012. For more information go to www.anzacspirit.nt.gov.au or join www.facebook.com/anzacspirit

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