Northern Territory Year 9 and 10 students are encouraged to apply for a chance to win a trip of a lifetime to France as part of the Chief Minister’s Anzac Spirit Study Tour.

Chief Minister Adam Giles said nominations for the annual awards are now open.

“Participating in the Chief Minister’s Anzac Spirit Study Tour is a once in a lifetime opportunity to honour an important part of Australia’s history,” Mr Giles said.

“This is a unique tour – the winners will travel to Villers-Bretonneux, France to attend the 2016 Anzac Day Dawn Service and undertake a seven to ten day tour of relevant battlefields in the area.

“The study tour aims to help keep the Anzac spirit alive; of showing continued support for the Australian Defence Force today and pride in the Anzacs who went before them.”

In order to be eligible students are invited to submit an entry to their schools in any medium that addresses the question: The Anzac Spirit arose from the actions of soldiers 100 years ago. Given their passing, what is it that keeps the Anzac Spirit alive?

“In the past we have received essays, short documentaries, songs, poems and slideshows,” Mr Giles said.

One of last year’s winner’s 17 year old tour participant Stevie Pocock from Darwin High School said the trip ‘has definitely made everything more real to me – the fact that the landing at Gallipoli happened and the phenomenal impact it had, even 100 years on.’

Students are required to submit their entries to their school by 14 August 2015. The schools will then forward their top nominations from each eligible year to the Department of the Chief Minister.

A panel of representatives from the Department of the Chief Minister, Department of Education, Defence and the RSL will then shortlist a group of finalists who will be interviewed by the panel.

“I look forward to announcing the winners of this tour later in the year,” Mr Giles said.

Three young Territorians will be selected as winners and in April 2016 will travel to France as representatives of the Northern Territory at the Villers-Bretonneux Anzac Day Dawn Service, along with one teacher and a chaperone from the Department of Defence.
For nomination forms and to see past entries visit www.anzacspirit.nt.gov.au

Nominations are also welcome from Northern Territory teachers for the position of teacher-chaperone on the tour.

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