The staff and students of Wanguri Primary School have helped Territorians to remember the valour and sacrifices of previous generations in defence of our country at a special ceremony today.

Chief Minister, Clare Martin, who attended the ceremony, said the inaugural Northern Suburbs Schools Anzac Day Service was the culmination of months of preparation and featured the raising of the flag by a full military catafalque party.

"The war in Iraq has brought home now more than ever the importance of taking the time to remember our heroic Anzacs who died in battle, and those who have passed on since, such as our last Anzac, Alec Campbell," Ms Martin said.

"In a significant and touching ceremony, wreaths were laid by students and dignitaries in remembrance of our fallen Anzacs.

"Anzac Day provides an opportunity for all Territorians to express their support for Australians involved with the defence of our country, as well as their family and friends.

"I am especially touched by the efforts of the students of Wanguri Primary School. To know that students are eager to learn the history of the Anzacs and pay their own respects inspires great confidence that the future of Australia is in safe hands."

Ms Martin said Wanguri Primary School had a proud tradition of honouring the Anzacs.

"Eight years ago, the school adopted its own digger, Mr Merv Ogram, as part of a Commonwealth Adopt-A-Vet initiative to mark the 50th anniversary of World War II," Ms Martin said.

"Mr Ogram, now 82, was a gunner with the 70th Mobile Searchlight Battery and was stationed in Darwin from 1942 to 1945.

"Unfortunately he was unable to attend today’s ceremony, but students from the school keep in regular touch with Mr Ogram, exchanging life stories, experiences and photos. This has given Mr Ogram’s 200 or more adopted ‘grandchildren’ – the students of Wanguri – a living connection to an important part of our history."

Today’s ceremony also featured poetry readings by students and an army reserve band member playing the Last Post.