

Frank MacDonald MM MEMORIAL PRIZE

2022 STUDENT INFORMATION SHEET



The Frank MacDonald Memorial Prize is an essay-based competition which commemorates and preserves the meaning of the ANZAC spirit in the Tasmanian community.

Frank MacDonald MM – born in Ulverstone in 1896 – was Tasmania's last World War I veteran and the last of the 40th Infantry Battalion raised in WWI.

He was responsible for repairing signal lines between battalion headquarters and trenches and received the Military Medal for working courageously under heavy fire.

Frank MacDonald also served in World War II and received the Legion of Honour in 1998. Frank MacDonald passed away on 23 August 2003 at the age of 107.

2022 ESSAY TOPICS

Students are required to respond to one of these topics in an essay format or an audio-visual/ICT presentation (see over page for more information).

Question 1:

How closely does the 'Anzac Legend' reflect the experiences of individual Australian soldiers who fought during World War I?

Question 2:

The impacts of World War I have stretched far beyond the battle fronts of 1914-18. Discuss this with reference to the impacts on soldiers, nurses and those who remained on the home front.

Entries close at **5.00pm on Friday 16 September 2022.**

Read over the page for more information on how to enter.

THE PRIZE

Six Year 9 students will be selected from around Tasmania to take part in the 2022-23 Frank MacDonald Memorial Prize.

As part of the Prize they will:

- go on a 10-day Study Tour in April 2023 (incorporating Anzac Day).
- visit the Australian War Memorial in Canberra.
- attend educational meetings held once a month in the lead up to the Study Tour (November 2022 to April 2023).

The Study Tour will travel to sites and landmarks of wartime, either within Australia or internationally (subject to appropriate travel clearances and public health advice). The group will be led by a Tasmanian Government Tour Leader, and be accompanied by two teachers, a parliamentarian and an RSL representative.

The State Government will meet the cost of travel, transfers, travel insurance, accommodation, tour activities, and meals for each winner and the chaperones.

HOW TO ENTER

Students must submit their entry to their school. If more than three entries are submitted at school-level then the school must conduct its own selection process to determine the final three entries to be sent in. Entries can only be submitted by individual students, not a group. Ask your teacher when your entry must be submitted for judging at school level.

Schools and home education students are to send entries with cover sheet to:

The Frank MacDonald Memorial Prize

DoE - Learning Events

Level 1 / 199 Collins Street

HOBART TAS 7000

Or email entries to the Project Officer at:

learning.events@education.tas.gov.au

The Project Officer must receive all entries by **5:00pm on Friday 16 September 2022**.

All entrants will receive a Certificate of Participation. Winners of the Prize receive a Certificate of Excellence and their schools will receive a plaque from the RSL for the year of the award.

All winning entries will be published on [The Frank MacDonald Memorial Prize website](#).

ENTRY FORMAT

Essay: Approximately 1200-2000 words (not including references or quotes)

Audio-visual / ICT: This option requires students to submit a self-contained presentation using any or all of the following mediums:

- Digital presentation on USB/DVD/CD;
- Or any other format as long as the question is answered.

Entries other than essay format must be accompanied by a written statement of up to 500 words which will enable the presentation to stand on its own merits and be compared fairly with an essay.

- The statement should address the following questions:
- How was the research conducted?
- How is the research related to the format/presentation chosen?
- Why was this format chosen?
- What are your conclusions on the specific topic?

ELIGIBILITY

The Frank MacDonald Memorial Prize is open to all Tasmanian Year 9 students, as well as students who are undertaking home education at the same year level.

If selected as a Prize recipient, students must commit to attending all monthly educational meetings in the lead up to the Study Tour.

AUTHENTICITY OF WORK

All entries submitted must be the student's original work and must not have been submitted in any other competition in previous years.

Students may submit the same or similar entry in the Frank MacDonald Memorial Prize as in other competitions / prizes in the same year.

REFERENCING

Any part of the entrant's work that has been taken from another source must be referenced in a format that is consistent and accurate.

For a guide to referencing visit the [National History Challenge](#) website.

Entries in the Frank MacDonald Memorial Prize do not require an annotated bibliography.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

- Check the [Frank MacDonald Memorial Prize website](#).
- Visit the [FMMP Facebook page](#).
- Talk to your teacher, or
- Contact the Project Officer, Lauren Faulks on (03) 6165 6196 or email learning.events@education.tas.gov.au

JUDGING CRITERIA

The judging criteria for the Frank MacDonald Memorial Prize are:

HISTORICAL QUALITY (50%)

The entry:

- Is factually correct and historically accurate.
- Demonstrates a historical understanding of the attitudes and values of the period being investigated.
- Uses evidence and information to create an effective discussion or presentation based on analysis and interpretation.
- Uses a range of sources of information, including primary and secondary sources.

RELATION TO THE QUESTION (30%)

The entry:

- Clearly relates to the theme.
- Presents a valid historical response to the theme.
- Allows the audience to see clearly how your investigation has helped to explain some aspects of the theme.

PRESENTATION (20%)

The entry:

- Shows an original and creative interpretation or approach.
- Has a clear and logical organisation and effectively communicates ideas.
- Has a bibliography and appropriately acknowledged sources.

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