

# Frank MacDonald MM MEMORIAL PRIZE

## 2022 TEACHER INFORMATION SHEET

Dear Teacher,

With this information please also refer to the 'Student Information Sheet', 'Student Entry Cover Form' and 'Teacher Expression of Interest' available on the Department of Education's Awards and Scholarships for Students page. Please ensure a completed Student Entry Form is attached to each of your school's final three entries.

The closing date for entries is **5.00PM FRIDAY 16 SEPTEMBER 2022**

Thank you in anticipation of your support for the 2022 Frank MacDonald Memorial Prize.

### 2022 ESSAY TOPICS

Students are required to respond to one of these topics in an essay format or an audio-visual/ICT presentation.

#### 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.



### 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 a 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.

### 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.

- Entries can only be submitted by individual students (not pairs or groups).
- Students may submit the same or similar entry in The Frank MacDonald Memorial Prize as in other competitions / prizes in the same year, provided the criteria are similar.

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

## JUDGING PROCESS (STUDENTS)

1. Students respond to one of the topics in either a 1200-2000 word essay format, or a digital/audio-visual presentation with a supporting 500 word statement.
2. School students are required to submit their entries to their school in the first instance. If more than three entries are submitted, the school is required to conduct its own selection process to determine the final three (maximum) to be sent to the Project Officer.
3. If schools would like assistance with the judging process, they may contact the Project Officer to arrange a local RSL member to help determine the final entries (please allow five working days).
4. Schools are then required to forward these entries (including cover sheets) to the Project Officer by the closing date.
5. Students who are undertaking home education can forward their entry directly to the Project Officer by the closing date.
6. After the closing date, all entries will be sent to the Tasmanian History Teachers' Association for selection of 12 finalists.
7. The Frank MacDonald Memorial Prize Steering Committee will select the final 6 winners from the finalists.

## SELECTION OF ACCOMPANYING TEACHERS

Two teachers will accompany and supervise the winning students on the Prize. Teachers can download and complete the Teacher Expression of Interest form attached or contact the Project Officer to be returned by the closing date.

Nominating teachers will require the endorsement of their school principal. Relief payment will be made to the school/s of the travelling teacher for duration of the Prize, if required.

Teachers who have travelled with the Prize before are eligible to apply again.

## KEY DATES

The Project Officer must receive all entries by **5.00pm Friday 16 September 2022**. No late entries will be accepted. It is up to each school to determine when they require students to submit their entries to the school in order to allow time for the selection process at school level to occur (see judging process).

Entries close with the Project Officer	Friday 16 September 2022
Successful/Unsuccessful applicants notified	September 2022
Student Finalist and Teacher interviews	October 2022
Official Presentation	November 2022
Monthly Meetings	Starting November 2022
Dates of travel (approximately 10 nights incorporating ANZAC Day)	April 2023

## FRANK MACDONALD MM

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.

## CERTIFICATES

All entrants receive a Certificate of Participation, and Finalists will receive a Certificate of Achievement.

Winners receive a Certificate of Excellence and plaque from the RSL. Their entries will also be published on the [Frank MacDonald Memorial Prize website](#).

## TEACHER CHECKLIST

Have you:

- Selected the final entries from your school?
- Filled in and attached the cover sheet to each entry?
- Ensured that the declaration on the cover sheet is signed?

On the student cover sheet has the student:

- Indicated which question they answered (1 or 2)?
- Indicated their word count (within the required limit?)