

Frank MacDonald MM MEMORIAL PRIZE

2023 TEACHER INFORMATION SHEET

The Frank MacDonald Memorial Prize (FMMP) aims to commemorate and preserve the meaning of the ANZAC spirit in the Tasmanian community.

This competition is open to all Tasmanian Year 9 students, as well as students who are undertaking home education at the same year level.

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. He 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.



THE PRIZE

Six Year 9 students and two teachers are selected from around Tasmania to take part in the 2023-24 Frank MacDonald Memorial Prize.

As part of the Prize the winners will:

- go on a 10-day Study Tour in April 2024 (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 2023 to April 2024).

The Study Tour will travel to sites and landmarks of wartime in **Belgium and France** (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 cover the cost of travel, transfers, travel insurance, accommodation, tour activities, and meals for each winner and the chaperones.

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN BECOMING A CHAPERONING TEACHER?

Two teachers accompany and supervise the winning students during the course of the Prize.

As a chaperoning teacher you will attend the monthly educational meetings with the students. While travelling you will have duty of care for students, and assist the Tour Leader with operations if required. In the lead up to the tour you may be asked to run a session on an area of interest at one of the meetings.

Relief payment is available to your school for the duration of the Prize, if required.

Interested teachers are asked to complete the Teacher Expression of Interest form, provide a personal statement and two referee reports. You will require the endorsement of your Principal.

Teacher applications are to be submitted to the Project Officer by **5.00pm on Friday 25 August 2023**.

Teachers who have previously travelled with the Prize can apply again.

For more information please contact the Project Officer by email at learning.events@decyp.tas.gov.au.

2023 STUDENT RESEARCH QUESTIONS

Students respond to one of these questions in an essay or digital format:

Question 1

Australian soldiers during World War I faced many challenges. How did the experiences of foot soldiers on the Western Front differ from those of the Light Horse in Palestine?

Question 2

Aboriginal people in the First World War may have served on equal terms but after the war they found that racial discrimination remained, or indeed, worsened. Discuss this statement with reference to the experiences of Aboriginal soldiers during and after World War I, particularly those from Cape Barren Island.

Entries close at **5.00pm on Friday 25 August 2023**.

STUDENT ELIGIBILITY

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.

STUDENT SELECTION PROCESS

1. Students respond to one of the topics in either a 1,500 word essay format, or a digital, video or audio 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.

Schools then forward these entries (including cover sheets) to the Project Officer by the closing date.
3. Students who are undertaking home education can forward their entry directly to the Project Officer by the closing date.
4. After the closing date, all entries will be sent to the Tasmanian History Teachers' Association for selection of 12 finalists.
5. The Frank MacDonald Memorial Prize Steering Committee will select the final 6 winners from the finalists.

KEY DATES

The Project Officer must receive all entries by **5.00pm Friday 25 August 2023**. No late entries will be accepted.

Entries close with the Project Officer	Friday 25 August 2023
Successful/Unsuccessful applicants notified	September 2023
Student Finalist and Teacher interviews	September 2023
Official Presentation	October 2023
Monthly Meetings	Starting November 2023
Dates of travel (approximately 10 nights incorporating ANZAC Day)	April 2024

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)?

CONTACT DETAILS

Name:

School:

Home address: Home phone:

..... Mobile:

Email:

Signature: Date:

PRINCIPAL SUPPORT

Principal's name:

Email: Phone:

Signature: Date:

NB Relief payment will be provided to the schools of the travelling teacher

PERSONAL STATEMENT

Please attach a personal statement of up to 1,500 words outlining/demonstrating the following:

- Evidence of experience in leading and managing overnight off-campus activities
- Excellent interpersonal skills
- Expertise in historical enquiry
- How your strengths and professional skill set will contribute to the successful outcomes for the students involved
- Why you want to be part of the Prize.

ELIGIBILITY

- Registered teacher in Tasmania
- Students submitted entries (preferred)
- Secondary or Primary teacher

REFEREE REPORTS

Please include two referee reports with your application attesting to your suitability as a student supervisor/chaperone.

Return by **5.00pm Friday 25 AUGUST 2023** to:

learning.events@decyp.tas.gov.au

Or mail to:

Frank MacDonald Memorial Prize
DECYP Learning Events
Level 1, 199 Collins Street, HOBART TAS 7000

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

- Visit the [Frank MacDonald Memorial Prize website](#)
- Contact the Project Officer on 6165 6196 or email learning.events@decyp.tas.gov.au