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### ANZAC DAY SCHOOLS' AWARDS NOW OPEN FOR ENTRY

STUDENTS attending school in Mayo are being encouraged to reflect on how veteran service and Australian wartime history can be commemorated in the community.

Senator Andrew McLachlan CSC said the Anzac Day Schools' Awards were established to consider ways of honouring the service and sacrifice of Australians, from the First World War to modern day conflicts and peacekeeping operations.

“Australia has a rich military history and the Anzac Day Schools' Awards are an opportunity for students of all ages to learn more about our contribution over the years,” Senator McLachlan said.

“The COVID-19 pandemic resulted in the cancellation of many Anzac Day services last year, but we saw communities adapt and find different ways to commemorate.

“This year's theme, *What does commemoration look like in your community?*, centres on the importance of commemorations and asks students to look at how they have changed over time.”

The national winner's school will receive \$5,000, a trophy and a certificate. There will also be state and territory winners, with the schools receiving \$3,000 and a certificate. Winners in the special categories will receive \$2,000 and a certificate.

Senator McLachlan encouraged schools and students to consider creative ways to produce their entries, whether it be through interviewing a veteran, conducting historical research or making a movie.

“These Awards will also help ensure our future generations grow up with a recognition and respect for the sacrifice of all who have served in the protection of our country and way of life,” he said.

“I encourage all schools across Mayo to take part in this great competition and I look forward to hearing of all the fantastic ideas and initiatives that emerge.”

Entries for the Awards are now open and will close on Wednesday, 30 June 2021.

For further information, including on award categories, judging, criteria and how to apply visit the [Anzac Portal website](https://anzacportal.dva.gov.au/research-education/competitions/anzac-day-schools-awards) - <https://anzacportal.dva.gov.au/research-education/competitions/anzac-day-schools-awards>

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