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HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS GIVEN CHANCE TO VISIT HISTORIC WWII SITES

Year 11 students from across NSW are being given the chance to visit historic WWII sites in Japan and America.

Funded by ClubsNSW, the initiative will see six students travel to Hiroshima, Tokyo and Pearl Harbor as part of the 11-day ClubsNSW Premier's WWII Memorial Tour in July 2022.

To secure their place on this trip of a lifetime, students must submit a 1000-word essay which answers the question 'Are the lessons of WWII still relevant today?' by 5pm on 13 June. The six winners will be announced on 20 June before they embark on their journey with Minister for Veterans David Elliott and ClubsNSW CEO Josh Landis on 21 July.

"This is a fantastic opportunity for high school students to learn about history first-hand, and witness the sacrifices made by those on both sides of World War Two in the Pacific," said Mr Landis.

"Clubs and the veteran community are intrinsically linked. That's why ClubsNSW is proud to support this Memorial program. I call on all our member clubs to encourage their local students to submit an essay for the chance to be selected for this exclusive overseas experience."

Premier Dominic Perrottet said the submitted essays will be reviewed by a panel of judges.

"Six students will be given the opportunity to visit the sites of some of the most defining moments in World War II history. I'm encouraging Year 11 students aged 16 and 17 to submit a 1000-word essay detailing how the lessons of WWII are still relevant today," Mr Perrottet said.

Minister for Transport and Veterans David Elliott said this initiative will see successful students embark on an educational 11-day tour of historic WWII sites.

"The attack on Pearl Harbor and atomic bombing of Hiroshima are two of the most pivotal moments in the Second World War. The ClubsNSW Premier's WWII Memorial Tour will provide opportunities for students to develop their knowledge and understanding of the history of World War II," Mr Elliott said.

The group will depart Sydney on 21 July and return on 31 July. Year 11 students must be aged 16 or 17 to submit an essay via the ClubsNSW website, here. This webpage contains a full list of terms and conditions. Entries are open now until 5pm on 13 June 2022.

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