



MARSH/TIERNEY SCHOLARSHIP



The Marsh/Tierney Scholarship, worth \$6,300, is being made available to **Year 11** students from the Latrobe Valley. The scholarship provides our younger generation with an insight into the Gippsland connection of the Kokoda Trail and the sacrifices made by men from this area so we can enjoy the lives and freedoms we do today.

The award is an opportunity to join a Kokoda trek with 'Adventure Kokoda' in the July school holidays (July 5-16). The Marsh brothers, from Traralgon, returned to the conflict while Reg Tierney of Morwell was killed near Kokoda.

The successful applicant will be assisted with training and chaperones on the trek. There will also be around an \$600 - 800 commitment required from participants for items like hiking boots, some incidentals, and medical expenses.

HOW TO APPLY

The application process is to submit answers to a questionnaire (provided) and write a short essay of at least 400 words outlining: What does the Kokoda Story mean to Australia?

The above must be received no later than 4:30pm Friday 11 April 2025, along with a parental permission not (also included) indicating support for the student to trek Kokoda. Send to: martin.cameron@parliament.vic.gov.au or Martin Cameron MP, PO Box 614, Morwell VIC 3840.

Full contact details (name, address, email and mobile) for students and parent(s) must be provided. Students must be available to attend a 20-minute in-person interview on a later date if shortlisted, to be arranged. From this interview process the successful applicant(s) will be selected.

These interviews will be held on one day with a panel of current or ex-service personnel, who will make the difficult final selections independently. Students must be available on this allocated interview day which cannot be altered once chosen and applicants advised.

TREK DETAILS:

- Duration of trek is nine days (11 day trip all up). Length of Trail is 120km.
- A good level of fitness is required, in particular mental and physical endurance.
- international airfares, domestic airfares, PNG internal flight, accommodation, insurance, meals, and personal porter costs are covered.
- Students will be assisted in training locally by previous Kokoda trekkers.
- Extensive detail about the trek company we use and Kokoda Trail can be found on the 'Adventure Kokoda' website: www.kokodatreks.com