



The Arthur Grassby Scholarships (AGS) of \$6,300 are being made available to **Year 11** students across the East Gippsland Shire.

The scholarships provide our younger generation with an insight into the Gippsland connection of the Kokoda Trail and the sacrifices made by men from this area so they can enjoy the lives they live today.

The award is an opportunity to join a Kokoda trek with 'Adventure Kokoda' in the July school holidays (July 3-13). Arthur Grassby, of Bairnsdale, fought with the 39th Battalion and was in the first troops to encounter the Japanese at Kokoda, aged 16.

The successful applicants will be assisted with training and chaperoned on the trek. In addition to the scholarship, there will be around an \$600-800 commitment required from participants for items like hiking boots, some incidentals and medical expenses.

Full participation in training is required and the AGS reserves the right to refuse participation of those they do not feel are appropriately prepared from a fitness perspective.



HOW TO APPLY

- Application forms are available at the Senior Hub Desk.
- Applications close March 8th, 2024.
- 2023 BSC Trekkers will speak to students about their experience.
- There will be an interview process with a panel of three current or ex-service personnel.
- You must be available on the allocated interview day.

KOKODA TREK DETAILS

- Duration of trek is nine days (11 day trip all up). Length of Trail 120 km.
- A good level of fitness is required, in particular mental and physical endurance.
- International airfares, domestic airfares, PNG internal flight, accommodation, insurance, meals in PNG and personal porter costs are covered.
- Students will be assisted with 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
- For any further details or questions email tim.bull@parliament.vic.gov.au