

COWEY – SELMAN KOKODA AWARD



The Cowey – Selman Kokoda Scholarship is an annual award available to Year 11 students at high schools and secondary colleges throughout the Shire of Yarra Ranges. The scholarship is to provide our younger generation with an insight into the Yarra Valley's contribution to the Kokoda Campaign and the sacrifice made by men from this community, and the people of Papua New Guinea, so they can enjoy the lives they live today.

Scholarship winners will walk the Kokoda Trail with Getaway Trekking Pty Ltd ("Getaway"). The only cost to the winners, and their families, will be a small amount of personal spending money and the cost of gifts etc. It is the intention of the organisers to keep out-of-pocket expenses to a minimum.

Getaway an experienced trek operator, specialising in Papua New Guinea and the Kokoda Trail. Getaway will assist the winners with training and trekkers will be accompanied by experienced Australian trek guides.

HOW TO APPLY

The first step in the application process is to submit an entry using any media desired, including poetry, art, PowerPoint or essay (limited to approx. 600 words) outlining:

1. The importance of the Kokoda Campaign in the Battle for Australia, and.
2. Why you would like to walk the Kokoda Trail.

The entry must be received at your High School/Secondary College by 24th March 2023.

Students' full contact details (name, address, email and mobile) will be required. **Parental permission** and a **confidential reference from the school / college Principal** will be required. Short-listed students must also be able to attend a 20 minute, in person, interview on a date to be announced in April. The successful applicant will be selected from this interview process.

KOKODA TREK DETAILS

1. Duration of the trek is 8 days (an 11 day trip all-up). The trail is 96 kilometres in total.
2. A good level of fitness is required, in particular, mental and physical endurance.
3. Domestic and international airfares, accommodation, trek costs (including a porter), travel insurance and equipment (boots, clothing etc.) and passport (if necessary) are covered by the scholarship. Personal items (e.g. snacks, camera, gifts, toiletries, medical requirements, inoculations etc.) will not be covered.
4. Applicants will be assisted
5. Details about the trek company and the Kokoda Trail can be found at www.getawaytrekking.com.au

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