



# MARSH/TIERNEY SCHOLARSHIP



The Marsh / Tierney Scholarship, worth \$6,300, is being made available to a **Year 11** student 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 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). The Marsh brothers, from Traralgon returned from the conflict, while Reg Tierney of Morwell, was killed near Kokoda

The successful applicant 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.

## HOW TO APPLY

The application process is to submit answers to a questionnaire (provided) and write a short essay of not less than 400 words outlining: What does the Kokoda Story mean to Australia.

The above must be received no later than 4.30pm Friday, April 12, 2024, along with a parental permission note (also included) indicating support for the student to trek Kokoda. Send to: 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 (to be specified) if shortlisted. From this interview process the successful applicants will be selected.

These interviews will be held on one day with a panel of three 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 are advised.

## 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](http://www.kokodatreks.com)