



ANZAC Day Commemoration Committee (Queensland) Incorporated

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ANZAC Commemoration Ceremony for Students ANZAC Square Thursday 22 April 2021

February 2021

Dear Principal

This year, the 25th ANZAC Students' Commemoration Service will be conducted on Thursday 22 April 2021 in ANZAC Square. The ANZAC Students' Commemoration Service is conducted annually for school students in South-East Queensland and enables students to participate in an act of commemoration of the sacrifices of so many Australian and New Zealand men and women over the past century or more. It aims to enhance understanding among school students of the Spirit of ANZAC and the relevance of this Spirit to the development of our nation. We invite your school to be represented at the Service this year and participate in this solemn act of commemoration.

Usually more than 3,000 students attended the ceremony along with official guests including His Excellency the Honourable Paul de Jersey AC, Governor of Queensland, the Premier of Queensland, the Leader of the Opposition, the Lord Mayor of Brisbane, senior military personnel and community leaders. As a result of the COVID pandemic, the service was unfortunately not held last year.

This year we are delighted to advise that we are planning to conduct the event on a limited scale with a COVID Safe plan in place to ensure that the health and safety of all participants remains a priority.

The details are as follows:

- Schools will be invited to send no more than four students and two adult supervisors to the event.
- Schools will be allocated socially distanced seating and groups laying wreaths will also be socially distanced from each other.
- All attendees will be checked in on arrival.
- Hand sanitiser will be available for use by attendees.

The ceremony will commence at 10.00 am and conclude at approximately 11.00 am. Students are requested to be in place no later than 9.50 am. The Service incorporates the following features:

- A school choir leads the assembly in the singing of the National Anthem and in conjunction with the Australian Army Band - Brisbane, provides a musical accompaniment during the laying of wreaths.
- Selected students respond to our Guest of Honour's address and deliver personal tributes of reflection.
- The Catafalque Party and Honour Guard, mounted prior to the Service, are comprised of school cadets.
- Each school is invited to nominate two students to lay a wreath at the Shrine of Remembrance on behalf of their school.

TransLink, the authority which manages South East Queensland's integrated transport system, has agreed to transport students and their accompanying teachers to the ceremony free of charge on Queensland Rail's City Network services

Schools wishing to avail themselves of the rail offer are requested to contact directly **Queensland Rail's Operational Services Team** to arrange a booking. Contact details are:

Operational Services Team

Phone 1300 768 595

Email: Ticketing@qr.com.au

Please note that Translink is unable to offer free bus travel to or from the service because it cannot guarantee extra capacity on relevant bus routes.

Queensland Rail has requested that bookings be made as soon as possible but no later than 26 March, as travel details and tickets will need to be mailed to schools and any adjustments made to services before the school holidays. Queensland Rail may need to alter a group's travel arrangements in order to facilitate the number of students travelling concurrently.

Attendees travelling by train will be escorted/directed by Queensland Rail Staff from Central Station to Anzac Square via the subway under Ann Street.

Attached is an **Expression of Interest Form**, to be completed and returned to the ANZAC Day Commemoration Committee on **Email: office.adcc@anzacday.org.au**, at your earliest convenience. ***(Please Note: Rail bookings must be made separately by each school and no later than 26 March)***

At the time of lodging your Expression of Interest and making your rail booking please be sure to advise of any special needs so we can accommodate any mobility impaired students in relation to travel and their participation in the Service.

We do hope that your school is able to participate in the 2021 ANZAC Students' Commemoration Service. I can assure you that students representing your school will experience a moving and informative Service that better informs their knowledge of ANZAC and its contemporary significance to our nation.

If you would like further information, please contact our office on Ph (07) 3263 7118 or by email on office.adcc@anzacday.org.au.

Yours sincerely



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EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

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PLEASE RETURN TO:

The office of the ANZAC Day Commemoration Committee – Email office.adcc@anzacday.org.au

AS SOON AS POSSIBLE

NAME OF SCHOOL _____

CONTACT PERSON _____

CONTACT EMAIL _____

CONTACT PHONE NO. _____ Fax: _____

SCHOOL ADDRESS _____

_____ POSTCODE _____

DEPARTURE STATION (if travelling by train) _____

NUMBER OF STUDENTS WHO MIGHT/WILL ATTEND Maximum No. _____
(Please include Adults e.g. 4 + 2)

Minimum No. _____

PREFERRED MEANS OF TRANSPORT: QR CITYTRAIN _____

SCHEDULED BUS ROUTE _____

CHARTER BUS _____

OTHER _____

Any travel arrangement's other than QR's rail services is at the school's expense.

IN EARLY APRIL, THE 2021 *BRIEF FOR SCHOOLS* WILL BE EMAILED TO
SCHOOLS WHICH HAVE INDICATED THEY WILL BE ATTENDING THE CEREMONY

If you intend to travel free of charge on Queensland Rail City Network services, please ensure you make your reservations by end of March as Queensland Rail may need to provide additional capacity.