



SCHOOL GIRL WINS TRIP TO GALLIPOLI

A YOUNG historian has shown she too has the fighting ANZAC spirit, winning a trip to Gallipoli in a national competition.

Eleanor Lourey, a Year 10 student at Camberwell Girls Grammar School, was chosen over hundreds of other students to be the Victorian winner of the Simpson Prize 2009.

This is the third year in a row that the prize has gone to a Camberwell Girls Grammar School student.

Eleanor's winning entry was a one thousand word essay, highlighting characteristics of the ANZAC spirit and why we as Australian's should actually celebrate the day.

Eleanor, 15, has won an all-expenses paid trip of a lifetime to Turkey, to learn more about the Australian and New Zealand soldiers who fought there in World War I.

She, and the seven winners from other states, will leave in April, in time to attend the dawn service and other ANZAC day ceremonies at Gallipoli.

Eleanor, who has just returned from a three-day preparatory conference in Canberra, said: "It is really quite amazing, as my great grandfather actually fought at Gallipoli and whilst I was in Canberra, I found some of his enlistment records".

"I'm really looking forward to going and it will be a highlight to learn more about what my great grandfather and his brother (who also fought) actually went through".

The Simpson Prize is a national competition conducted by the History Teachers' Association of Australia, for Years 9 and 10 students, and has been running since 1999.

It is named after John Simpson Kirkpatrick, "the man with the donkey," famous for rescuing soldiers in Gallipoli.

