

UPPER MT GRAVATT

Student to pay tribute to Anzacs

CHOSEN FOR GALLIPOLI TRIP

UPPER Mt Gravatt student Renee Drury will be among those to remember our fallen diggers at Gallipoli, 100 years since they landed in 1915.

The Clairvaux MacKillop College student was one of 70 students to win the Premier's Anzac Prize, securing her a place at the historic Anzac centenary at Gallipoli in 2015.

Renee, 15, said she was honoured to win the prize.

"So many kids wanted to go and I've been given the opportunity," she said.

"I think it's really important and it's pretty special."

The Year 11 student was chosen after impressing the judges with her essay and multimedia presentation about the Anzac spirit and legend, and how it shaped Australia today.

"It's who we are, how we see things and all those values we have, like a fair go, mateship - that all stemmed from World War I and World War II," Renee said.

"The Anzac spirit has really defined us.

"It's something Australia prides itself on."

Mansfield state LNP MP Ian Walker said he was thrilled Renee would be attending and representing the Mansfield community and her school.

The winners will tour Turkey, Belgium and France for two weeks from April 22.

The group will attend Anzac Day ceremonies at Gallipoli and across the Western Front.

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Student Renee Drury is a 2015 winner of the Premier's ANZAC Prize.

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