

The Hon. Paul Fletcher MP

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Bradfield student wins prestigious Simpson Prize

Member for Bradfield, Paul Fletcher has congratulated a local student who was named a winner in a prestigious national history competition that explored the Anzac spirit.

Mari Watkins, a Year 11 student at Roseville College was one of eight young Australians awarded the Simpson Prize, which encourages participants to explore the significance of the Anzac experience and what it has meant for Australia.

She has won a trip to Europe to visit places of wartime significance in London, France and Belgium.

Mr Fletcher said it is important the next generation of Australians reflect on our wartime experiences.

"I congratulate every student in Bradfield who entered the Simpson Prize and gained a better understanding of the Anzac tradition and its importance to our national identity."

The Simpson Prize received 1,230 entries this year from students in years 9 and 10.

The Australian Government has supported the Simpson Prize since 1998. For more information on the Simpson Prize, visit www.simpsonprize.org

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