



Department of  
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## *Media Statement*

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Attention: News Editor / Chief of Staff

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### **Wheatbelt students return from the Western Front**

Wheatbelt students Brady Flockart, of Merredin, and Caris Negri, of Bruce Rock, have returned from a once-in-a-lifetime trip to the Western Front in France and Belgium, as part of the 2009 Premier's ANZAC Student Tour.

Year 11 students Brady and Caris were part of a group of 12 students from across the State who won a place on the history tour, which culminated with ANZAC commemorations at Ieper and Zonnebeke in Belgium.

The tour group's ANZAC commemorations began a day early on April 24 when students formed an honour guard and laid a wreath at the nightly Last Post service at Menin Gate in Ieper, joined by Western Australian Agent General Kerry Sanderson.

The highlights continued on ANZAC Day with a dawn service at Polygon Wood, followed by the opening of a new exhibition at the Zonnebeke Museum, a special morning Last Post service at Menin Gate and speeches at the Ieper Town Hall.

Throughout the tour, the students also visited key landmarks, memorials and battlefields on the First World War Western Front, including Pozieres, Villers-Bretonneux, Fromelles, Pheasant Wood, Thiepval and Le Hamel.

Brady, who studies at Merredin Senior High School, and Caris, who boards at Santa Maria College in Perth, were able to pay their respects to their family members during the tour.

Three of Caris' great-great uncles are listed among the names of the missing at Thiepval in France, while Brady had the opportunity to visit Villers-Bretonneux where his great uncle Earnest Roy Scott is listed on the Wall of Remembrance.

Applications for the 2010 ANZAC Student Tour are open now and close on 14 August 2009. Secondary school students from Years 8 to 11 throughout WA are encouraged to apply.

For more information visit the Department of Education and Training Premier's ANZAC Student Tour website at [www.det.wa.edu.au/ANZAC](http://www.det.wa.edu.au/ANZAC).

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