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Dear Modern History Teacher,

RE: CAIRNS RSL SUB BRANCH MODERN HISTORY ESSAY COMPETITION 2019

Applications are invited for the 2019 Cairns RSL Sub Branch Modern History Competition.

The competition is comprised of two categories – Year 11 and 12. Each category carries with it a cash prize sponsored by the Cairns RSL Sub Branch.

First Prize \$200
Second Prize \$130
Third Prize \$100

Winners of the two categories will be presented with their prizes at the Annual Aspire Awards Ceremony. The winning school will also receive a plaque.

The Awards presentation night will be held Thursday, 28 November 2019 at Pullman International Hotel, 5.30 pm - 7.30 pm. Students receiving awards are expected to be in attendance in full school uniform. Details of the Presentation Night will be forwarded to individual prize winners.

Essay Topics:

Select one of the following topics

1. *The ANZAC legend is a concept which suggests that Australian soldiers possess qualities including courage, sacrifice, endurance, ingenuity, good humour, larrikinism and mateship. The legend and the values associated with it have become an important part of Australia's national identity. While the ANZAC story was produced in colonial White Australia, Australia today is vastly different in demographic terms and is made up of people whose history increasingly lies elsewhere.*

To what extent does the ANZAC Legend remain relevant to modern Australians?

2. *2019 marks the 20th anniversary of Australia's involvement in the UN sanctioned multinational peace keeping operation INTERFET (International Force East Timor). Under Australian Major General Peter Cosgrove's command, INTERFET's objective was to end the violence that had engulfed East Timor following the vote in favour of self-determination, establish security, and set conditions for the transition to a U.N. peacekeeping force.*

To what extent does democracy in East Timor owe its birth to the men and women of the INTERFET forces?



Conditions:

Students should:

- analyse and synthesise primary and secondary sources
- develop a hypothesis
- write an essay that has
 - an introduction (which sets context and includes a hypothesis and outline of argument)
 - body paragraphs with topic sentences (where historical sources are analysed, evaluated and synthesised to form a historical argument)
 - a conclusion (which draws together succinctly the main ideas and arguments)
- Use sustained analysis, synthesis and evaluation to fully support the hypothesis
- Include a recognised system of referencing to support the historical argument
- Include a reference list
- Write within the word limit 1000-1500 words (not including direct quotations or references)

Please ensure that the submitted essays are word processed with **one and a half line spacing**.

A \$88 (inc GST) registration fee per school is payable to the Business Liaison Association. Following registration, tax invoices will be issued to participating schools.

I look forward to receiving a hard copy or electronic version of your students' work with the attached registration form (page 3) at the address below by Wednesday **18 October 2019**.

Mrs. Catherine Taifalos
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If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me by:

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Cairns RSL Sub Branch Modern History Competition 2019

REGISTRATION FORM

DUE DATE: Friday 18 October 2019

Student Name	
Year level	
School	
Student's Email	
Contact Teacher	
Contact Teacher's Email	



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