



2016 VVAA VIETNAM WAR HISTORY COMPETITION

WHAT IS IT?

The VVAA Vietnam War History Competition is being held as part of a program of events to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Battle of Long Tan and the Vietnam War in 2016.

The Competition is open to all Year 10 and 11 students in secondary schools across Victoria in 2016. Students are invited to submit entries to the competition before 27 March 2016. Ten students will be selected to travel on an overseas study tour to Vietnam in September 2016, during the school holidays.

The costs of the study tour including airfares, meals and accommodation will be fully provided by the Victorian Branch of the Vietnam Veterans Association of Australia.

HOW DO I ENTER?

Students should submit an entry that addresses the following topic:

“THE CONTROVERSIAL VIETNAM WAR”

By researching how Australia became involved in the Vietnam War, the introduction of conscription, and the changing attitude to the War on the home front, explain why the Vietnam War has been referred to as a “Controversial War”, and what impact community attitudes to the War had on returning Vietnam Veterans.

Entries can be in **ONE** of the following formats:

- Essay of 1000 words (word count does not include references or footnotes)
- Story of up to 1000 words
- Audio-visual presentation (maximum 10 minutes)
- Diorama

Students are encouraged to source material from interviews, experiences of friends or relatives, media sources and individual research conducted on-line and/or using non-electronic sources such as those found at local libraries, Victorian Vietnam Veteran Sub-Branched, the National Vietnam Veterans Museum Phillip Island, RSLs or historical societies. All sources must be acknowledged and the bibliography preferably annotated.

All applications must be submitted via email, and must be received by 11:59pm 27 March 2016 (end of term 1).

Audio-visual presentations should be provided as an electronic file or uploaded to YouTube or Vimeo or a similar media sharing website and a URL provided.

Audio-visual and diorama entries **MUST** be accompanied by a written statement of up to 500 words that answers the following questions:

- How was the research conducted?
- Why was this format chosen?
- How does the format relate to the research and the topic?
- What are the conclusions on the topic?

SELECTION PROCESS

Stage 1- Entries will be assessed based on the following:

- Relation to the topic - 35%
- Quality of historical research - 35%
- Presentation - 30%

Stage 2 – Successful Students will be contacted in May.

At briefing and information sessions, students will be required to:

- Discuss their entry with the other students in a five minute presentation
- Demonstrate an understanding of the role of the Australian Defence Forces played in the Vietnam War.
- Demonstrate a capacity to act as an ‘ambassador’ on behalf of Victorian students.

WHERE DO I SEND MY ENTRY?

Complete this entry form attached and email your entry via email to secretary@vvaavic.org.au

ENQUIRIES AND MORE INFORMATION

For more information visit: www.vvaavic.org.au

Telephone: 03 9655 5588

CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

1. The student must be enrolled for either Year 10 or Year 11 in a Victorian registered school in 2016.
2. The student must be an Australian citizen or a permanent resident of Australia in the year of the study tour.
3. The entry must be substantially the student's own work and have no overt assistance from other students, teachers or family members.
4. By entering the competition, students affirm that their entries do not infringe any existing copyright. A student's entry that does infringe copyright will NOT be eligible.
5. By entering the competition you are agreeing that your entry can be used for publicity purposes relating to the competition.
6. The competition winners and accompanying chaperones must have or obtain an Australian passport with at least six months validity at the time of travel. The competition winners will be responsible for the organisation and cost of obtaining their visa to Vietnam through the Vietnamese Embassy in Australia.
7. Any vaccinations required for the travel are to be arranged by the competition winner's family.
8. The Victorian Branch VVAA will meet reasonable travel and accommodation expenses for Regional Finalists to attend selection panel interviews.
9. The selection panel's decision is final and no correspondence will be entered into. Given the large number of entries expected, individual student feedback will not be available.
10. The competition and trip to Vietnam will deal with culturally complex and sensitive historical events. Participants must demonstrate an ability to conduct themselves in an appropriate manner throughout all associated events prior to departure, and on the trip to Vietnam. The VVAA reserves the right to withdraw the offer of the prize should inappropriate behaviour be demonstrated.

2016 VVAA VIETNAM WAR HISTORY COMPETITION ENTRY FORM

FIRST NAME: _____ SURNAME: _____

GENDER: MALE FEMALE DATE OF BIRTH: _____

HOME ADDRESS: _____

SUBURB/TOWN: _____ POSTCODE: _____

HOME PHONE: _____ MOBILE: _____

STUDENT'S EMAIL: _____

YEAR LEVEL: YEAR 10 YEAR 11

SCHOOL NAME: _____

SCHOOL ADDRESS: _____

SUBURB/TOWN: _____ POSTCODE: _____

CONTACT TEACHER'S NAME: _____

CONTACT TEACHER'S EMAIL: _____

CONTACT TEACHER'S PHONE: _____

FORMAT OF ENTRY: _____

E.g. Essay, Short story, Audio-Visual, Diorama

Notes: 1. Entries not in essay format MUST be accompanied by a written statement.

2. Audio-visual presentations must be submitted as an electronic file via email or a URL to a location online.

HOW DID YOU HEAR ABOUT THE COMPETITION? _____

E.g. School, Parent/Guardian, Website, Newspaper, Facebook, Other (please specify)

DECLARATION:

My parent/guardian grants me permission to participate in the Competition and the Study Tour (if selected) and any related functions or publicity activities including the print, electronic or digital media. We agree for my entry to be published on the internet if required and for application details to be made available to ex-service organisations specific to my local community if requested.

NAME OF PARENT/GUARDIAN: _____ DATE: _____