

ANZAC PARADE



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Words and Symbols

Words and Symbols is a post-visit learning resource designed for students that have participated in the Anzac Parade walking tour or virtual program.

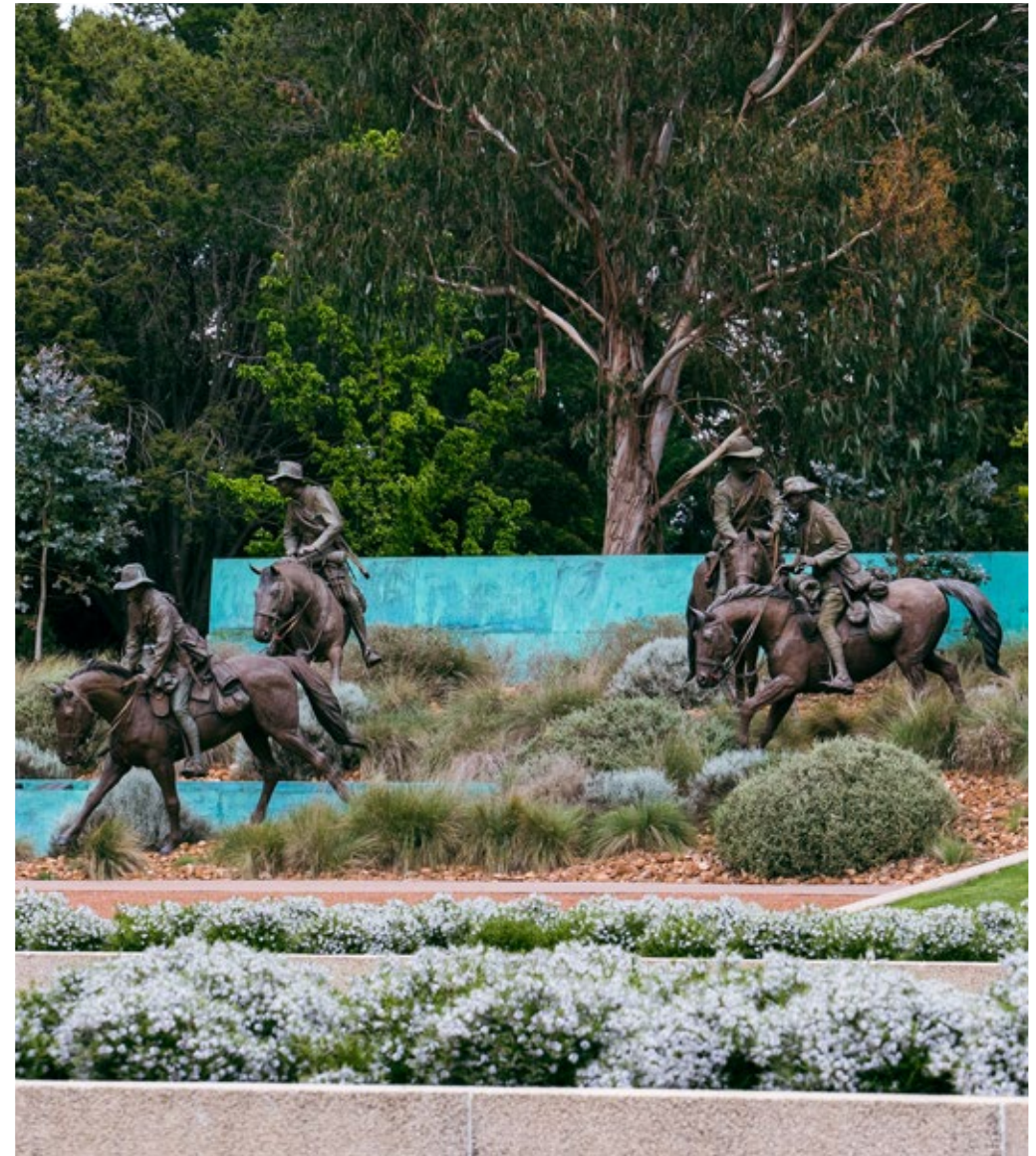
The resource gives students an opportunity to drill down and unpack symbols and words used in some of the other memorials presented along [Anzac Parade](#). These memorials have been selected for their emotive effect, imagery and words that combine to convey powerful significance.



The term 'ANZAC' stands for 'Australian and New Zealand Army Corps'. The Anzac legend begins at Gallipoli, where Australian and New Zealand soldiers landed on the Gallipoli Peninsula in Turkey on 25 April 1915. Anzac Parade both commemorates and honours the Australian and New Zealand men and women who have served in many conflicts overseas.

Anzac Parade is an avenue set along Canberra's famous Land Axis, a key feature of the Griffins' original 1912 plan for the National Capital. The combined plantings of Australian Blue Gums and New Zealand Hebe species as well as the red gravel of the central strip are striking features recognised especially when viewed from Mt Ainslie. Sourced from crushed local bricks, the gravel was chosen for its similarity to the 'crunch' sound made by military boots during a marching parade.

Many aspects of Anzac Parade from selected plant species to the paved areas and design features of the memorials themselves all express connotations and offer a space for reflection.



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Key Learning outcomes

- To understand that symbols and emblems have potent meaning for different groups of people.
- Students develop an understanding of the shared values of “active citizenship.”
- To recognise that active citizenship provides rights and freedoms but also comes with responsibility and obligations.
- Students in unpacking the symbols and signs along Anzac Parade discover how we honour active service in Australian Society.
- To recognise how freedom, responsibility and respect can promote cohesion in Australian society.
- Students develop an appreciation that the sacrifices made in the past have shaped Australian Identity.

Civics and Citizenship Curriculum

Anzac Parade is a powerful tool for consolidating Civics and Citizenship learning. Here, our role as citizens who participate in Australian society is explored as well as our responsibilities beyond national borders as global citizens. The memorials and their potent symbols speak of shared international responsibilities.

Year 6

The shared values of Australian citizenship and the formal rights and responsibilities of Australian citizens ([ACHASSK147](#))

The obligations citizens may consider they have beyond their own national borders as active and informed global citizens ([ACHASSK148](#))

Year 7

How values, including freedom, respect, inclusion, civility, responsibility, compassion, equality and a ‘fair go’, can promote cohesion within Australian society ([ACHCK052](#))

Year 8

Different perspectives about Australia’s national identity, including Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander perspectives, and what it means to be Australian ([ACHCK066](#))

How national identity can shape a sense of belonging in Australia’s multicultural society ([ACHCK067](#))

Year 9

The shared values of Australian citizenship and the formal rights and responsibilities of Australian citizens ([ACHASSK147](#))

The obligations citizens may consider they have beyond their own national borders as active and informed global citizens ([ACHASSK148](#))

