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# LEONGATHA RSL KOKODA TREK SCHOLARSHIP



Leongatha RSL Kokoda Scholarship is offered to students undertaking Year 11 studies in 2026 at Secondary Colleges in Leongatha. This opportunity is being offered in conjunction with the George Collins Kokoda Award that has been operating in the Baw Baw shire for a number of years.

Successful recipients of the Leongatha RSL Kokoda Scholarship will travel alongside the recipients of the George Collins Kokoda Award on the adventure of a lifetime. The trek is overseen by Adventure Kokoda and is provided at no cost\* to the selected applicant. The successful applicant will be provided with training prior to the Trek and the trek will be accompanied by fully qualified and accredited trekkers.

## How to Apply

**An Information Session, during which the leader of the Trek will provide information and answers to any questions will be held on Wednesday September 10th at 7pm at the Leongatha RSL.**

**WE STRONGLY ADVISE ALL INTERESTED STUDENTS AND THEIR PARENTS/GUARDIANS TO ATTEND.**

Please register your intention to attend the Information Session on Wednesday September 10<sup>th</sup> via email to [manager@leongatha-rsl.com.au](mailto:manager@leongatha-rsl.com.au) or by calling 56622747.

After attending the information session you will be required to:

Submit an essay not exceeding 600 words that addresses two specific topics.

- What does the Kokoda Story mean to the applicant
- What does the Kokoda Story mean to Australia

The essay should be submitted via email to [manager@leongatha-rsl.com.au](mailto:manager@leongatha-rsl.com.au) or by mail to Greg Nugent, Leongatha RSL, PO Box 438, Leongatha, VIC 3953, by COB **Friday October 3rd.**

**The submission must include a signed parental permission form** (available for collection at the information night) indicating support for their son or daughter to participate in the Kokoda Trek, contingent upon the success of their application.

Essays will be evaluated, and a shortlist of candidates will be created for interviews. Following the interview process, the successful applicants will be chosen.

It is planned the successful students will trek in July, 2026 accompanied by Bernie Rowell of Warragul, however specific dates will be confirmed at the information evening.

## Trek Details

- Duration of the Trek - 10 days
- Length of the Trek - 100km
- Fitness required - reasonable mental and physical fitness required
- Training - Support and transport provided to a group training session at "Gentle Annie" a bush walk in Labertouche, by Bernie Rowell and Gary Blackwood.
- Airfares, accomodation and personal porter costs included
- \*Some specific personal items will need to be provided by the applicants ie boots and specific clothing.

We encourage all prospective applicants to find further details about the Trek Company and the Kokoda Track at the "Adventure Kokoda" website: [www.kokodatreks.com](http://www.kokodatreks.com)