

TEARS OF GALLIPOLI

"Tears of Gallipoli" aims at creating cultural awareness, tolerance and understanding amongst young people from the countries that were enemies once – so that the nightmares of the past will always be remembered, but not repeated.



The Event:

In early March 2011, 20 students – 10 from Australia and 10 from New Zealand – will visit Turkey. Alike exchange students, they will be integrated into the community of Istanbul Lisesi. During the three weeks of their stay, they will experience the learning environment at school, visit heritage sites and prepare for the commemoration of Çanakkale Savaşları on 18th March.

In return, 20 Turkish students will visit Australia and New Zealand, with a similar itinerary. 10 students per country will get to know school life at Rangitoto College, St. Michael's Collegiate and The Hutchins School. They will experience the culture first hand and attend the ceremonies on ANZAC Day on 25th April. See inside of this flyer for more information about the schools.

The Students:

The students will be selected by means of a qualifying process, involving different assignments, e.g. presentations and essays. They will have to show an active interest in history and other cultures.

Our aim is to allow all selected students to participate, regardless of their families' financial situation. As a reciprocal exchange, visiting students will be accommodated at the homes of the students who will visit them and stay at their families in return. All additional expenses (i.e. for flights, transport and activities) shall be covered by means of fundraising and sponsoring.

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A joint Memorial Event for Students from Australia, New Zealand and Turkey

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Information for Potential Partners

Dear Sir / Madam,

Çanakkale Savaşları (Turkish) or Gallipoli Campaign (British) refers to the apocalyptic battle during World War I, which took place between 25 April and 9 January 1916 between the Ottoman Empire and members of the Australian and New Zealand Army Corps (ANZAC) by the Gallipoli Peninsula in Turkey. In the course of the invasion, both armies lost about 50% of their men.

Since then, all three countries have been commemorating this event annually, Turkey on 18th March, Australia and New Zealand on 25th April, as ANZAC Day. Australia and New Zealand observe this public holiday as an important day of remembrance, not only involving veterans, but to a large extent young citizens. Every year, a substantial number of Australians and New Zealanders make a pilgrimage to Gallipoli.

The German army also played their role in this campaign. German officers have helped to reorganise the Turkish army and functioned as consultants.

We believe it is time to bring into life a joint memorial event for young citizens from Turkey, Australia and New Zealand, based on the inscription by Atatürk on the Kemal Atatürk Memorials at Gallipoli and in Canberra:

"Those heroes that shed their blood and lost their lives... you are now lying in the soil of a friendly country. Therefore rest in peace. There is no difference between the Johnnies and the Mehments to us where they lie side by side here in this country of ours... You the mothers who sent their sons from far away countries wipe away your tears. Your sons are now lying in our bosom and are in peace. Having lost their lives on this land they have become our sons as well."

With "Tears of Gallipoli", we have created such event – with German representatives once more as consultants. On the following pages, we invite you to learn more about this project's contents and aims.

Yours faithfully,

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NEW ZEALAND



Rangitoto College, Auckland

Rangitoto College is situated overlooking the beautiful Hauraki Gulf on Auckland's North Shore. This world-class institution is the largest school in New Zealand with over 3,000 students and is perhaps the most internationally acclaimed New Zealand school. Rangitoto College has the atmosphere of an International school. Local students mix with fee-paying international students from a wide range of countries, for example, Brazil, Chile, China, Germany, Korea, Thailand, Italy and Spain. Some come for short summer programmes; others stay for 6 month or 12 month transition or GAP experiences, while the rest come long-term to graduate.

The school is modern and offers outstanding facilities, including 3 gymnasiums, many fields, music and drama suites, and a sports institute on its grounds. The College offers over 80 extra-curricular activities. Students compete and participate for the school and excel in sporting and cultural activities.

Academically Rangitoto College students achieve exceptional results which are recognised world-wide. Our 2003 Dux was awarded a scholarship to Cambridge and the 2005 Dux a scholarship to Princeton. Many students use the New Zealand qualifications achieved to gain entry to universities of their choice all over the world.

Our local students come from families who are supportive and expect excellence. Most students go on to university and professional careers. The surrounding suburbs are up-market and safe with the houses large and modern. The Rangitoto accommodation team carefully selects and monitors all homestay families.

Students leave Rangitoto enriched by their world-class educational experience in New Zealand.



Rangitoto College, Auckland



TURKEY



Istanbul Lisesi, Istanbul

The foundations of the Istanbul Lisesi, one of the pioneers of western education in the Ottoman Empire, were laid on 15 January 1884 with the founding of the Numune-i Terakki Mektebi or 'Model of Progress School'. Distinguishing itself from other schools by its concept of modern education, Numune-i Terakki soon became the most sought-after private school of its day. In 1909, it was bought by the Ministry of Education and nationalized. In 1910, its name was changed to Istanbul Lycée.

Together with the growing rapprochement between Germany and the Ottoman Empire, the state purposed to train cadres that could work in parallel with the developing cooperation. Teachers were hired from Germany, and the school went over to German instruction in 1912.

Today, Istanbul Lisesi is one of Turkey's leading institutions of education with 43 Turkish and 35 German teachers and modern language and science laboratories. The students not only receive a Turkish high school diploma but also have an opportunity to make their 'Abitur', the highest lycée diploma one can earn in the German system of secondary education.

Istanbul Lisesi students fought in the Balkan War, World War I and Turkey's War of Liberation. The school colours arose from a tragic incident that occurred during the Battle of the Gallipoli. The school building had been turned into a hospital and its walls painted yellow. While waiting for their comrades to return, news were received that 50 Istanbul Lisesi students had fallen in the battle. Thereupon, window frames and doors were painted black, the black of mourning against the yellow of hope. So did the school acquire its colours yellow and black. Students and alumni remember those who fell at Gallipoli's 'Red Ridge' annually on the night of May 18th to 19th.



Istanbul Lisesi, Istanbul



AUSTRALIA



St. Michael's Collegiate, Hobart (Girls)

Established in 1892 St. Michael's Collegiate is a day and boarding school for girls rich in history and heritage. For over 115 years young women have been part of a shared community unique in its blend of academic excellence, a nurturing environment and the encouragement of each girl's individual development.

Collegiate offers a wide range of opportunities and experiences both academic and extracurricular. Over 70 subjects are offered in Years 11 and 12 including music, Drama, Art, Outdoor Education and Sport. In addition, the school is globally recognised as a leading Performing Arts School nurturing talented performers and musicians.

We provide an education that fosters inquiry in the pursuit of truth and knowledge. As a learning community we are committed to helping students achieve individual excellence and personal aspirations.

We welcome students from around the world, and from all walks of life. We value different learning styles, strengths and needs. Our diversity contributes to our respect for difference and compassion for others, providing the basis for sound personal values. We seek to live our values, with integrity as our framework.

Collegiate is located in the centre of Hobart, the capital of Tasmania and Australia's second oldest city. The safe and beautiful city has a population of approximately 200,000 people and enjoys a mild climate with warm summers and crisp winters. Tasmania has vast areas of virtually untouched regions and World Heritage Wilderness areas covering 20% of the State; 17 National Parks from alpine to windswept beaches.

St. Michael's Collegiate offers the best in education while students experience wilderness beauty and the culture of another country.



St. Michael's Collegiate, Hobart (Girls)



AUSTRALIA



The Hutchins School, Hobart (Boys)

Established in 1846, The Hutchins School is one of Australia's oldest schools and recognised as one of its leading academic schools. It boasts 126 Oxford University Rhodes Scholars and 98% of its students enter leading Australian Universities. Hutchins has had the highest scoring student in the State for the past four years, and has been Awarded by the Australian Trade Commission AUSTRADE for its excellence in providing outstanding education to international students.

Hutchins is an Anglican school for boys and strives to produce confident young men, whose spiritual, intellectual, cultural, physical, emotional and social development fully equips them to take their places as responsible members of the global society. The school has a very strong leadership program encouraging community service and good citizenship.

At Hutchins pastoral care is everyone's responsibility. A vertical house system ensures that every student is provided with many avenues for quiet discussion of any concerns, as well as assistance and support.

A wide range of sporting options is offered, and Hutchins has been the state Premier school in hockey, sailing, rowing, cricket, rugby union, water polo, badminton and swimming. Outdoor Education offers students the Tasmanian wilderness and pristine coastline locations. Hutchins has its own outdoor education campus on the edge of the Tasmanian Southwest Wilderness and world heritage areas.

An incredible purpose-built performing arts centre provides rehearsal rooms, extensive recording and audio design studios and performance areas. Hutchins also has fully equipped workshops, three art studios, a ceramics room and a sculpture courtyard available for artists.



The Hutchins School, Hobart (Boys)