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## **VIETNAM VETERANS' CHILDREN RECEIVE EDUCATION FUNDING**

The Secretary of the Department of Veterans' Affairs (DVA), Simon Lewis PSM, has congratulated 34 students from across Australia who have been selected to receive funding under the Long Tan Bursary scheme.

More than 500 sons and daughters of Vietnam veterans have received a bursary since the scheme was established in 2000 to help meet the cost of their tertiary education.

"The sacrifices their families made during the Vietnam War should never be forgotten or underestimated. Supporting the children of our Vietnam veterans to gain a tertiary education is just one of the ways we continue to honour their service," Mr Lewis said.

Each student will receive financial assistance of up to \$9,000 over three years. The breakdown of 2016 bursaries in each state and territory is as follows:

- New South Wales – 9
- Victoria – 6
- Queensland – 11
- Western Australia – 5
- South Australia – 3

Applications for each academic year open on Vietnam Veterans' Day, 18 August, and close on 31 October. The Long Tan Bursary scheme is administered by the Australian Veterans' Children Assistance Trust on behalf of the Department of Veterans' Affairs. For more information, visit [www.dva.gov.au](http://www.dva.gov.au).

*Editor's note: Students will be presented with bursaries at state presentations in the coming months. A list of recipients in each location, who wish to be named, is attached.*

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## **Long Tan Bursary recipients for 2016\***

### **Recipient names and areas of study**

#### **NSW**

- Miss Kellie Bedwell Bachelor of Applied Science
- Ms Amy Byrnes Bachelor of Social Welfare
- Mr Adrian Chin Quan Bachelor of Design in Visual Communication with the degree of Bachelor of Creative Intelligence and Innovation
- Ms Leonie Farrugia Advanced Diploma in Property Services
- Ms Carolyn Jeffress Bachelor of Biomedical Sciences
- Ms Thara Sproule Unistart
- Eugene Zaboj Bachelor of Commerce/Business

#### **VIC**

- Miss Joselle Bardwell Bachelor of Criminology and Psychology
- Ms Fionna Batchelor Bachelor of Arts (Fine)
- Mr Sam Forsyth-Gray Bachelor of Photography
- Miss Samantha-Anne Knight Bachelor of Marketing Communication
- Miss Olivia Stevenson Bachelor of Laws with the degree of Bachelor of Criminology
- Miss Amanda Welden Bachelor of Nursing

#### **QLD**

- Miss Rosheen Borthwick Bachelor of Design (Honours)
- Mrs Rebecca Brady Bachelor of Speech Pathology (Honours)
- Miss Victoria Horwood Bachelor of Health
- Mrs Amy Lords Certificate IV - Adult Tertiary Preparation
- Miss Madison Lucas Bachelor of Criminal Justice
- Mr Cian Reid Bachelor of Arts (Honours)
- Mr Jeremy Vines Bachelor of Creative Industries
- Miss Jessie Webster Bachelor of Arts
- Miss Molly Zillmann Bachelor of Nursing Sciences

#### **WA**

- Mr Cameron Dadd Bachelor of Animation
- Miss Angela Redfern Bachelor of Science
- Mr Julian Turner Bachelor of Commerce
- Mr Tyrone Turner Bachelor of Engineering (Computer Systems) and Bachelor of Science (Computer Science)
- Miss Melissa Woodberry Bachelor of Education (Primary)

#### **SA**

- Mr Stephen Dawson Bachelor of Business (Sports Management)
- Miss Kate Winn Bachelor of Education (Primary) with the degree of Bachelor of Arts

**\*List of Bursary recipients who wish to be named.**

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