

2018 Invitation To Schools

BATTLE FOR AUSTRALIA

1941 - 1945

COMMEMORATION

Wed. 5th Sep.

at 11.00 am

Shrine of Remembrance

**75th
Anniversary
of 1943 Battles:**

- Lae
- Salamaua
- Buna
- Gona



**Free transport
for schools to attend**

Schools will be offered one free bus or the opportunity to share if unable to fill the bus. Additional buses will be available at competitive commercial rates.



**Alternate wet weather
arrangements**

(see reverse side for details)

Transport Coordinator - Jenny McKenzie email: Jenny.Mckenzie@ctoa.com.au mobile: 0408 307 709

Schools are warmly invited to participate in the annual Battle for Australia ceremony Shrine of Remembrance 11.00am Wednesday 5 September 2018.

AN EXCITING, INSPIRATIONAL AND EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM

- ◆ Keynote address by prominent Australians. In 2018 the speaker will be Wing Commander Sharon Bown (Retd), a RAAF nurse who served in East Timor and Afghanistan.
- ◆ Choral performances by the Royal Melbourne Philharmonic Choir led by renowned Andrew Wailes.
- ◆ Readings of Australians at War by four selected students from the attending schools (invitations to follow).
- ◆ Military music by a Defence Band including invited school student musicians.
- ◆ Guard of Honour; Shrine Guard Catafalque Party and fly past by military aircraft.
- ◆ Schools are encouraged to bring a wreath or floral tribute.
- ◆ Schools can also visit the Galleries of Remembrance after the ceremony. A prior booking may be required. (reception@shrine.org.au)

Wet Weather Arrangements

The BFA Foundation is committed to conducting the ceremony at the Shrine and a cancellation due to extreme weather conditions will only occur following consultation with all stakeholders. Schools etc will provide priority email and SMS contact details to the organizing committee and the transport coordinator so that a cancellation announcement if required, can be communicated no later than 2.00 pm the previous day.

If the Bureau of Meteorology forecast indicates wet weather, water proof ponchos will be provided for students and other participants.

Students may meet some of the veterans who had defended Australia in its time of need

Visit www.battleforaustralia.org.au for further information about this important part of Australia's history



Schools can contact the organising committee on 95696925 or montrose@netspace.net.au for further details