

ANZAC commemoration in the library

St Mary's Coptic Orthodox College (Coolaroo, Victoria) commemorated ANZAC Day this year with a display in the library forming an important teaching tool. The College library plays a vital role in supporting the College curriculum. Our students range from Preparatory to Year 12 and the library services the whole school community. It is part of the library's aims and objectives to bring the curriculum to life using alternative supporting media and this is reflected in our ANZAC Day display.



Our talented library staff Ms Georgina and teacher-librarian Ms Maureen put together a superb visual display for our ANZAC Day commemoration. Using mannequins, official clothing, replica medals, book and non-book resources, students were given a glimpse of how a naval officer dressed while on duty. The official navy uniform and medals fascinated them. A scout uniform was included, as many defence force personnel started out as Cub Scouts.

Inspired by the display, our students asked many interesting questions: Has the man died? Whose clothing was now on display? What were the medals for? How come the man was so tiny? Is he an old man now? The uniform is a Petty Officer's uniform and is for a



small mans fitting (SM)! Of course, it was not that unusual for teenagers as young as 16 to volunteer for army and naval duty. Many students thought that it was only much older men who went to war. They hadn't realised that so many youths lost their lives. It was explained that it was an honour and a duty for these men and women to serve their country.

This themed display was a huge success with both our primary and secondary students. It led to many students investigating further and researching the story of ANZAC and Australia's involvement in war.

Mrs Elaine Kulinski, Teacher-librarian, St Mary's Coptic Orthodox College

Australia funds internet solutions in Asia-Pacific

The Australian government is contributing \$7.3 million over the next three years to support internet solutions for more effective aid and strengthened governance in developing countries. Development Gateways (<http://www.developmentgateway.com.au/>) are internet portals allowing the interchange of development information.

The Development Gateway Foundation, based in Washington DC, was launched by the World Bank and became an independent non-profit organisation in 2001. It is the hub for a world-wide network of over 50 Country Gateways. Australia was a founding member and funding contributor of the Development Gateway Foundation and has become the first OECD

country to develop its own Country Gateway.

This round of funding will provide continued support for all programs, including aid management tools, e-government programs, online communities of development learning, and support of country gateway portals providing web-related services for local development needs. Funds will be directed towards the public procurement websites in the Asia-Pacific region, enabling online publishing of government procurement information such as tender notices, contract awards and bidding documents. It will allow major savings in government spending while giving companies greater access to tender opportunities. ■

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