



Our Australian Soldier Art Competition

Who do you think an Australian soldier is?

We invite students and young people to take part in Our Australian Soldier by creating an artwork that shows their own idea of what an Australian soldier looks like today. There is no right or wrong answer - this activity is about your perspective, imagination, and creativity.

Your Artwork

- Create a portrait of an Australian soldier
- This can be:
 - o A real soldier
 - o An imagined soldier
 - o A soldier from the past, present, or future
- The artwork should show what "Australian soldier" means to you.

Art Materials

You may use any art materials, including:

- Pencil or pen
- Crayon or coloured pencil
- Text or written words
- Paint
- Collage or mixed media

Be as creative as you like!

Artwork and Artwork Description/ Consent Form

All submissions must include:

- Artwork,
- Artwork Description
- Participant details and
- Signed consent forms.

Do not write your name or details on the artwork itself!!

Artwork Requirements

- Artwork must be A4 size piece of paper only
- Hardcopy artworks must be A4 size
- High-resolution digital submissions can be submitted to cove.army.gov.au
- All digital submissions must be uploaded individually for each participant.

Celebrate the Australian Army's 125th Birthday, visit www.cove.army.gov.au for submission details, display info and downloadable pack.

Submissions can be uploaded to www.cove.army.gov.au or sent to:

Our Australian Soldier, AARC
11 Faulding Street, Symonston, ACT 2610





Our Australian Soldier Visual Competition Parent/Carer Consent Form

Describe your artwork ...

Participant Name: _____ Age: _____

Hometown: _____ State: _____

Group POC: _____ Email: _____

School or Community Group Name (if applicable) : _____

About This Form: Our Australian Soldier includes:

1. An Australian Army 125th Birthday Visual Arts Competition.
2. An optional university research project conducted in accordance with UNSW Canberra.

Participation in the research project is optional and separate from participation in the competition, see attached.

Consent Options: Please read each statement carefully and tick the boxes to indicate your consent.

- I consent to my child participating in the Our Australian Soldier commemorative art competition and exhibition celebrating the Australian Army's 125th Birthday. I understand that:
- My child will create an A4-sized artwork representing their interpretation of an Australian soldier.
 - The artwork may be displayed publicly and/or digitally as part of the anniversary celebrations.
 - My child's first name, hometown/state, and artwork description will only appear with the artwork on display.
 - I, as the parent, will be contacted via the email address below if my child wins a prize or if their artwork is displayed at the Australian War Memorial.
- I would like more information regarding my child's artwork participation in the UNSW Our Australian Soldier research project and consent to the receipt of the Research Information and Parent Consent Form.
- I consent to my child's artwork being included in the UNSW Research and will sign the UNSW Consent Form.

Parents Name: _____

Parents Email: _____

Parents Signature: _____

Date: _____

Contact and further information for the Our Australian Soldier Competition can be made to ouraustralian.soldier@defence.gov.au

This page must be included with your artwork submission.

1. What is the research study about?

You and your child are invited to take part in a research study being conducted through the University of New South Wales (UNSW) Canberra. The purpose of this study is to examine how Australian youth visually represent the Australian soldier through their artwork. The research focuses on youth drawings or artworks and the roles, attributes, and meanings they associate with the image of a soldier (for example, protector, helper, or community member). The study aims to better understand how these visual representations align with or differ from the Australian Army's identity and values. This research is academic in nature and forms part of a Master of Philosophy (MPhil) program at UNSW Canberra. Participation in the research is separate from any commemorative activity associated with the Australian Army's 125th Birthday. Your child may take part in the commemorative activity without participating in the research.

2. Who is conducting this research?

This study is being conducted by:

- Associate Professor Daniel Douglas Prior (Chief Investigator), UNSW
- Anne-Maree Hunt (Student Researcher), UNSW

Research Funder: This research is not externally funded and is conducted as part of a postgraduate research program at UNSW.

3. Inclusion/Exclusion Criteria

Before you decide to allow your child to participate in this research study, we need to ensure that it is ok for your child to take part. The research study is looking for children who meet the following criteria:

- Are aged approximately school age, 5-17 years old
- Create an original artwork representing an Australian soldier
- Have parent or guardian consent provided

Children who meet the following criteria will be excluded from the study:

- Parent or guardian consent is not provided
- The artwork is not original or does not depict an Australian soldier
- The artwork is submitted solely for commemorative display and not for research purposes

4. Do I have to take part in this research study?

No. Participation is entirely voluntary. If you do not wish for your child's artwork to be included in the research, your child may still participate in the commemorative activity. If you consent and later change your mind, you may withdraw from the research at any time.

If you decide you want to take part in the research study, you will be asked to:

- Read the information carefully.
- Sign and return the consent form with the artwork.
- Take a copy of this form with you to keep.

5. What does participation in this research require, and are there any risks involved?

If you consent, your child's participation involves:

- Creating an **A4 artwork** representing an Australian soldier at home, as part of a school or community activity.
- Submission of a **hardcopy** or **digital image** of the **artwork, supplementary page** and **consent forms**.
- No interviews, surveys, questionnaires, or direct interaction with the research team

6. What will happen to information about me?

By signing the consent form, you consent to the research team collecting a image by your child. However, artwork images will be:

- used using information about you for the research study.

The research team will store the data collected from you or your child for this research project for a minimum of 7 years after the completion of the research. The information about you or your child will be stored in a non-identifiable format where your identity will be unknown.

You will be asked to provide your consent for the research team to share or use the information collected from you or your child in future research that will be an extension of, or closely related to, the original project, or is in the same general area of research. Your information will only be shared in a format that will not identify you.

- Information collected from you in an electronic format is stored on a UNSW password-protected OneDrive, only accessible to the approved research investigators.
- Information collected from you using paper-based measures will be stored in the following UNSW Canberra and only the approved research investigators will have access to this information.

The information you or your child provides is personal information for the purposes of the Privacy and Personal Information Protection Act 1998 (NSW). You have the right of access to personal information held about you by the University, the right to request correction and amendment of it, and the right to make a complaint about a breach of the Information Protection Principles as contained in the PPIP Act. Further information on how the University protects personal information is available in the [UNSW Privacy Management Plan](#).

7. How and when will I find out what the results of the research study are?

The research team intend to publish and/ report the results of the research. All Information will be published in a way that will not identify participants. If you or your child would like to receive a copy of the results you can let the research team know by inserting your email or mailing address in the consent form. We will use these details solely to send you the research results.

8. What if I want to withdraw from the research study?

If you do consent for your child to participate, you or your child may withdraw at any time. You can do so by completing the 'Withdrawal of Consent Form' which is provided at the end of this document or you can ring the research team and tell them you no longer want to participate. Your decision not to participate or to withdraw from the study will not affect your relationship with UNSW Canberra. If you decide to leave the

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School-aged children under 18 years

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research study, the researchers will not collect additional information from you. You can request that any identifiable information about you be withdrawn from the research project.

9. What if I have a complaint or any concerns about the research study?

If you have a complaint regarding any aspect of the study or the way it is being conducted, please contact the UNSW Human Ethics Coordinator:

Complaints Contact

Position	UNSW Human Research Ethics Coordinator
Telephone	+ 61 2 9385 6222
Email	humanethics@unsw.edu.au
HC Reference Number	HC10880

10. What should I do if I have further questions about my involvement in the research study?

The person you may need to contact will depend on the nature of your query. If you require further information regarding this study or if you have any problems which may be related to your involvement or your child's involvement in the study, you can contact the following member/s of the research team:

Student Researcher

Name	Anne-Maree Hunt
Email	annemaree.hunt@unsw.edu.au

Chief Investigator

Name	Daniel Prior
Email	d.prior@unsw.edu.au

Declaration by the Parent of participant:

I understand I am being asked to provide consent for my child to participate in this research study.

I have read the Participant Information Sheet, or someone has read it to me in a language that I understand.

I understand the purposes, study tasks and risks of the research described in the study.

I provide my consent for the information collected about my child to be used for the purpose of this research study only.

I have had an opportunity to ask questions, and I am satisfied with the answers I have received.

I freely agree to participate in this research study as described and understand that I am free to withdraw at any time during the study, and withdrawal will not affect my relationship with any of the named organisations and/or research team members.

I would like to receive a copy of the study results via email/post. I have provided my details below and ask that they be used for this purpose only.

I understand I am to take a signed copy of this document for my records.

I would like to receive a copy of the study results via email. I have provided my details below and ask that they be used for this purpose only.

Optional Consent for reuse of data and future research:

I consent to the artwork collected about my child or me being made available to other researchers, as described in section 6 of this document.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Name of Participant (please print)	
Parent/Guardian Name	
Parent/Guardian Address	
Parent/Guardian Email	
Signature of Parent/Guardian	
Date	

Form for Withdrawal of Participation

I wish to **WITHDRAW** my consent for my child to participate in this research study described above and understand that such withdrawal **WILL NOT** affect mine or my child's relationship with The University of New South Wales.

I am withdrawing my child's consent, and I would like any identifiable information collected about my child, which I have provided for the purpose of this research study, withdrawn or deleted.

I am withdrawing my child's participation in further components of this research and provide my permission for the research team to retain and/or use information collected about me, which I have provided for the purpose of this research.

I am withdrawing my consent, and I understand that any information already published and/or not linked to my identity cannot be withdrawn from the research.

Participant Name

Name of Participant	
Name of Parent/Guardian	
Signature of Parent/Guardian	
Date	

Withdrawal of Participation should be forwarded to Chief Investigator Daniel Prior via email.