

Our Australian Soldier

Teacher / Facilitator Instructions



Activity Overview

Our Australian Soldier is a creative art competition developed to celebrate the Australian Army's 125th Birthday.

The activity invites students and young people to create a portrait that reflects their own idea of what an Australian soldier represents, past, present, or future. This is a commemorative and educational activity that aligns with ANZAC Day, designed to support:

- Creative expression
- Reflection on service, identity, and community
- Participation in a national anniversary celebration

There are no correct or incorrect responses, and no requirement for historical or uniform accuracy.

Student Task

Students are asked to:

- Create a **portrait** of an Australian soldier
- Work to **A4 size only**
- Use **any art materials** (drawing, painting, collage, text, mixed media)
- Express their **own interpretation** of what an Australian soldier looks like or represents

Artwork Size & Format (Important):

- Artwork **must be A4 size only**
- Portrait or landscape orientation is acceptable
- Only one artwork per student

Artist Details (Separate Page Required):

Each artwork must be accompanied by a **separate sheet of paper** containing:

- Artist name
- Age
- School or Community Group (if applicable)
- Hometown
- State
- Parental Consent

Do not write student names or details on the artwork itself.

Submission Details

All submissions must include:

- A4-size artwork
- Our Australian Soldier Competition Description and Parent/Guardian Consent Form
- UNSW Research Parent/Guardian Consent Form (Optional)

Digital:

- Digital images must be submitted as high-resolution JPEG/PNG files at 300 DPI or higher. Participants may use applications such as Twinkle Art to photograph artwork, crop the image to remove borders, and save it for submission.
- Digital submissions can be emailed to ouraustralian.soldier@defence.gov.au, or uploaded to the www.cove.army.gov.au

Hardcopy:

- Hardcopy submissions can be sent to: Australian Army 125th Birthday – Our Australian Soldier
AARC
11 Faulding Street
Symonston ACT 2610

Australian National Curriculum Mapping

The *Our Australian Soldier* activity is aligned with the Australian National Curriculum (Version 9.0) across the learning areas of English, Humanities and Social Sciences (HASS), and Visual Arts from Foundation to Year 10. The activity supports curriculum outcomes that enable students to create and interpret visual and multimodal texts, explore how individuals and groups are represented in society, and examine Australia's history, identity, and civic institutions. Through the creation of an original portrait of an Australian soldier and reflection on its meaning, students engage with curriculum content descriptors including AC9AVA0C01–AC9AVA10C02 (Visual Arts), AC9EFLA01–AC9E10LY06 (English), and AC9HSFK01–AC9HH10K03 and AC9HC4K01–AC9HC10K02 (HASS), which develop students' abilities to communicate ideas visually, analyse representation and identity, and understand the roles of individuals and institutions in Australian society. This alignment ensures the activity supports nationally recognised learning outcomes related to creative expression, visual communication, historical understanding, and civic identity, while providing an authentic and meaningful educational experience linked to Australia's national story and the Australian Army's role within it.

Stage	English	HASS	Visual Arts
Foundation– Year 2	AC9EFLA01, AC9EFLY02, AC9EFLY06, AC9E1LY06, AC9E2LY06	AC9HSFK01, AC9HS1K01, AC9HS2K01	AC9AVA0C01, AC9AVA2C01, AC9AVA2C02
Years 3–4	AC9E3LA03, AC9E3LY06, AC9E4LA03, AC9E4LY06	AC9HH3K01, AC9HH3K02, AC9HC4K01	AC9AVA4C01, AC9AVA4C02
Years 5–6	AC9E5LA03, AC9E5LY06, AC9E6LA03, AC9E6LY06	AC9HH6K01, AC9HC6K01	AC9AVA6C01, AC9AVA6C02
Years 7–8	AC9E7LA03, AC9E7LY06, AC9E8LA03, AC9E8LY06	AC9HH7K03, AC9HH8K04, AC9HC8K01	AC9AVA8C01, AC9AVA8C02
Years 9–10	AC9E9LA03, AC9E9LY06, AC9E10LA03, AC9E10LY06	AC9HH9K03, AC9HH10K02, AC9HH10K03, AC9HC10K02	AC9AVA10C01, AC9AVA10C02