

# Life at the Front



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## Experience life as an Australian WWI soldier!

It's one thing to read about the history of Australia's soldiers in the First World War, but it's an entirely different experience to put on a uniform, throw on a pack, grab your rifle and spend a day walking in their footsteps.

Mat McLachlan Battlefield Tours is the only tour company to offer *Life at the Front*, an immersive educational experience for students and cadets.

*Life at the Front* gives young people a unique insight into the life of a soldier, with a strong emphasis on learning from history. This isn't a day spent 'playing soldiers' – this is a fully-immersive educational experience that transports students back to 1917.

Students will assemble as a First World War Australian platoon, wearing authentic uniforms and carrying authentic equipment, and march out into the killing fields of Passchendaele, following the same route as Australian soldiers who attacked here on October 4th, 1917.

Each student will adopt the identity of an Australian soldier who took part in the battle, and will learn more about their experiences of battle with every step. Late in the day the group will reach Tyne Cot Cemetery, where they will learn the fate of the soldier they have been following – a confronting and emotional experience.

In keeping with the experience, each 'soldier' will receive an authentic hot lunch of corned beef, identical to the food served to Australian soldiers in 1917. They will also visit the outstanding Passchendaele 1917 Museum to learn more about the battle and the men who fought in it.

*Life at the Front* is a living history program that adopts a multi-discipline approach including history, geography of landscape, literature, technical education and ethics.





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## Life at the Front features

- Full-day program
- Guided tour of the Passchendaele Museum
- Hot corned beef lunch – authentic Anzac food!
- Personal stories from the soldiers
- Battlefield walk in authentic kit
- Guided tour of Tyne Cot Cemetery
- Educational support with one or two guides

**We can cater for groups from 20 to 50 passengers.**

**Please call us for more information about this amazing experience**

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