

Key Commemorative Dates 2017 – These anniversary dates may assist you to choose a theme for your schools’ learning about Australia’s wartime history and the significance of Anzac Day.

Date	Anniversary	Event
9 January 1917	100	Battle of Rafa
15 February 1942	75	Fall of Singapore
16 February 1942	75	Massacre of Australian nurses and other survivors of the <i>Vyner Brooke</i> , Banka Island, Strait of Sumatra
19 February 1942	75	Bombing of Darwin
27 February – 1 March 1942	75	Battles of Sunda Strait and Bantam Bay, and sinking of HMAS <i>Perth</i>
March 1972	45	Last voyages by HMAS <i>Sydney</i> , the ‘Vung Tau ferry’, which transported the last major elements of Australian forces from Vietnam back to Australia
3 March 1942	75	Bombing of Broome and Wyndham
4 March 1942	75	HMAS <i>Yarra</i> sunk off Java
20 March 1917	100	Actions that led to award of Victoria Cross to Lieutenant FH McNamara, No. 1 Squadron, AFC, Tel el Hasi, Palestine
11 April 1917	100	First Battle of Bullecourt, France
15 April 1917	100	Battle of Lagincourt, France
28 April 1952	65	Treaty of Peace with Japan, signed in San Francisco on 8 September 1951, comes into effect, officially ending BCOF
3–17 May 1917	100	Second Battle of Bullecourt, France
4–8 May 1942	75	Battle of the Coral Sea
15 May 1942	75	Transportation of prisoners of war from Singapore to Thailand commenced
31 May 1902	115	End of the Boer War
31 May – 1 June 1942	75	Attacks on Sydney Harbour by Japanese midget submarines
7 June 1917	100	Battle of Messines, Belgium

22 July 1917	100	First bravery awards to Australian nurses in action
22 July – 16 November 1942	75	Battle of the Kokoda Track, New Guinea
24 July 1927	90	Opening of Menin Gate Memorial to the Missing, Ypres, Belgium
27 July 1942	75	Formation of Australian Women's Land Army (AWLA)
31 July – 10 November 1917	100	Third Battle of Ypres, Belgium
25 August – 7 September 1942	75	Battle of Milne Bay, New Guinea
14 September 1947	70	First deployment of Australians in United Nations peacekeeping operations
26 September 1917	100	Battle of Polygon Wood, Belgium
3 October 1992	25	Dedication of Australian Vietnam Veterans' National Memorial, Anzac Parade, Canberra
4 October 1917	100	Battle of Broodseinde, Belgium
9 October 1917	100	Battle of Poelcappelle, Belgium
23 October – 5 November 1942	75	Battle of El Alamein, Egypt
31 October 1917	100	Battle of Be'er Sheba, Palestine
November 1942 – 22 January 1943	75	Battle of the Beachheads, Buna, Gona, Sanananda, New Guinea
1 December 1942	75	HMAS <i>Armidale</i> sunk near Timor
7 December 1972	45	End of conscription for military service
20 December 1917	100	Second Australian conscription referendum

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