



## ADF Long Tan Youth Leadership and Teamwork Awards Speaker Notes

- The Australian Defence Force is proud to recognise Australia's emerging leaders through the Long Tan Youth Leadership and Teamwork Awards.
- The Long Tan Youth Leadership and Teamwork Awards recognises students who have demonstrated leadership qualities and values which align to those of the Australian Defence Force.
- The Navy, Army, and Air Force have long and proud histories of comradeship and mateship, with rewarding work and experiences which forge special friendships that last a lifetime.
- Each role, whether it be Maritime, Land or Air dominance related, all rely heavily on teamwork and leadership.
- The mateship you embody now and the leadership you develop here during your schooling years will lead to extraordinary choices and opportunities.
- Our school is one of 2300 Australian schools that has participated in the ADF Long Tan Youth Leadership and Teamwork Awards this year, and we are very proud to be awarding <one> of our students today on behalf of the Department of Defence.
- The Battle of Long Tan is perhaps the most publicised Australian battle of the Vietnam War, and is remembered as an exemplar of Australian soldiers channelling the same attributes of courage, teamwork and leadership that soldiers displayed in earlier conflicts.
- Today, we look to the leaders of tomorrow to continue this Australian legacy, and it is no coincidence that when saying this, I am looking out at you all.
- We will now hear from a Vietnam Veteran to remind ourselves of the remarkable values and qualities of Australians during that battle, and how this Award plays an important role in honouring that sacrifice.
  - [PLAY VIDEO] <https://youtu.be/Of2C1mSNRpU>
- Today's recipient/s can be immensely proud.
- You have been nominated to receive a Long Tan Youth Leadership and Teamwork Award because you are a role model who has set goals and worked with others in striving to achieve them.
- You have demonstrated an ability to positively influence others and manage relationships in order to achieve project outcomes or common goals.
- You have helped others to perform or achieve beyond their expectations; and have demonstrated courage to ensure those around you have a voice and are able to provide input into the way in which collective goals are achieved.
- I encourage you to continue to learn from the leaders around you; your teachers, your coaches, your parents, local representatives. Adopt that which they do best.
- Whether deep in the trenches protecting our country, or deep in the trenches at school – we can all strive to be our best: to represent the values we stand for, to learn and inspire others and to always give a mate a helping hand.
- On behalf of the Australian Defence Force, I would now like to congratulate [INSERT NAME] as the winner of the prestigious Long Tan Youth Leadership and Teamwork Award.

