

# War Memorial helps students think outside the box

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**The Australian War Memorial (AWM) has created a box of replica items from the Vietnam War to send to schools in each state and territory.**

The box is designed to teach school children what wartime was like for soldiers on the frontline and to give them a taste of the War Memorial's collection.

The AWM has created several memorial boxes to represent different conflicts, with the Vietnam War the latest addition.

AWM education project officer Roslyn Hull says the boxes contain objects that give students a tactile education.

"It never changes, whether you're a child or an adult, the strongest experience you can have is a physical one," she said.

"So to actually try on these uniforms or to touch the objects makes a very strong connection for these students."

Ms Hull says the new Vietnam boxes contain replica lottery balls used during conscription, as well as everyday items like soldiers' rations.

"The idea is that we can get the national collection or replicas of the national collection out to schools all over Australia," she said.

"There are eight boxes and there are a set of boxes in each state capital."

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*The War Memorial touching the objects makes a strong connection for students. (Australian War Memorial)*

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