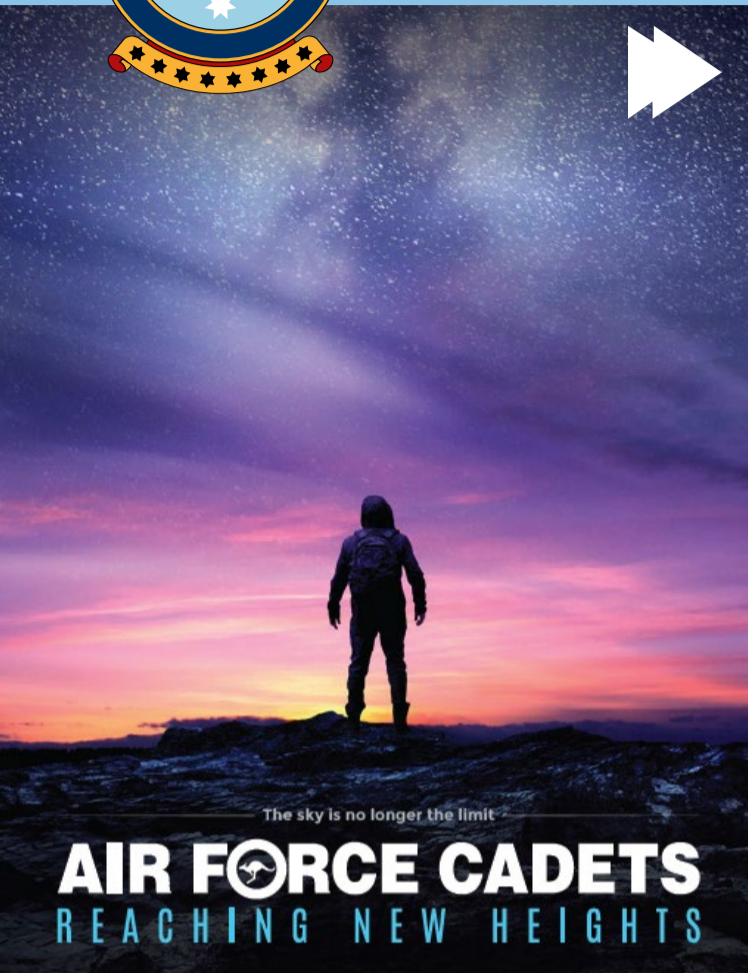




CADET NEWS

REACHING NEW HEIGHTS *Special Edition*



THE AAFC IS “REACHING NEW HEIGHTS”

The new Air Force Cadets “Reaching New Heights” learning strategy has been released. The strategy, an evolution of the Cadet and Adult Learning Continuum Reviews or CLCR and ALCR, is also now defined as, the **Cadet Program** and the **Adult Program**.

The new curriculum is based on contemporary leading-edge learning methods, using inquiry-based learning, critical thinking, often in groups, driven by experientials.

The learning elements developed in the earlier continuum review have tested well in the classroom for the ‘Cadet Orientation’ and ‘Cadet Initial’ phases, and cadets, adults and volunteers have engaged well with the new approach.

The new strategy defines the learning principles that are the future foundation of cadet and adult learning.



COMMANDER UPDATES

Group Captain (AAFC) Stephen Johns

It has been great to watch the evolution of our learning systems. The release of the “Reaching New Heights” strategy is a benchmark of the learning reviews progress and maturity.

It has been your enthusiasm, early implementation, testing and feedback that has guided us to this point.

The evolution continues - at a recent Adult Program workshop in Canberra, teams were refining and adding grassroots experiences into the new Adult Program continuum.

We are also working on a communications campaign to find more adult volunteers and to better manage the recruitment process to get people into the squadrons as soon as possible.

Our adult instructors and volunteers are critical to the success of the Cadet Program. They are the backbone and the humanity of our organisation; the facilitators and mentors of our future leaders.

I commend this new strategy and ask all of you to read and consider our future education pathway.



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WHAT ARE THE 6Cs?

The 6C Youth Development Framework is a set of positive characteristics and behaviours – part of the Personnel Development and Leadership continuum or PDL.

They are qualities that will enable our young leaders of tomorrow to live productive and healthy lives while contributing to the world in ways that benefit themselves, their families, communities, and society.

They are all attributes we want in our future leaders.

So what are the 6 C's?



Competence

The ability to complete a task or goal



Connection

Positive bonds with people and institutions



Compassion/caring

A sense of sympathy and empathy for others



Confidence

An internal sense of overall positive self-worth, self-efficacy, and self-regard



Character

A sense of morality and respect for societal and cultural rules



Contribution

Acting in a way that benefits others.

WHAT IS THE SITREP?

The SITREP is our new appraisal system under the Reaching New Heights learning strategy. The SITREP considers a cadet's overall performance, potential, and contribution to the Australian Air Force Cadets' community.

Unlike previous assessment methods, the SITREP doesn't just depend on cadets passing tests, but offers a deeper insight into their personal strengths, areas for development, and future potential.

Decisions on promotion are at the discretion of squadron Commanding Officer and staff. Promotion options through the PDL extension consider the cadet's self-appraisal of their achievements and the cadets demonstration of the 6 C's and leadership qualities at key points in time.

The appraisal is reflected in the terms 'demonstrated' or 'developing' to highlight growth in each individual Cadet.

Using the SITREP to benchmark a cadet's learning and development brings the AAFC in line with the current approach in the Air Force's contemporary professional military education programs.

QUOTE of the day

“The secret of change is to focus all of your energy not on fighting the old, but on building the new.”

- Socrates



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