



CADET NEWS

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AIR FORCE CADETS ACHIEVING GOALS

The current success of the Air Force Cadets was central to discussion when representatives from around Australia recently met in Canberra for the **AAFC National Conference**.

Recruitment and retention of cadets is at an all-time high and flying activities are seeing more cadets take to the sky. The **Reaching New Heights** learning strategy is being embraced in the classroom with new exciting developments on the horizon, including the new **Remotely Piloted Aircraft Training School (RPATS)**.

It's never been a better time to be a part of the best youth development program in Australia!



COMMANDER UPDATES

Group Captain (AAFC) Stephen Johns

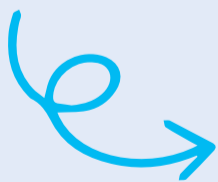
Next year we will see the rollout of the new Adult Program as part of the Reaching New Heights learning strategy. It embraces the latest in the theory of learning and new technology to deliver a more engaging curriculum.

Our AAFC Think Tank team, which includes staff from across Australia from a wide cross section of roles and ranks, have been working with industry experts to fine tune the curriculum.

We are also testing some learning initiatives, like the recently piloted staff leadership training weekend.

We are all excited about this next generation learning suite and how it will grow adult skills in leadership and personal development.

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GTS OPERATIONS VAN DELIVERED

New Operations Vans have been delivered to the RAAF Cadets Branch for Australian Air Force Cadets Gliding Training School (GTS).

21st September marks a milestone in the Combined Aviation Services Project with the delivery of the third and final Operations van for RAAF Cadets Branch and the Australian Air Force Cadets (AAFC) Gliding Training School Flights at Bathurst (NSW), Balaklava (SA), and Warwick (QLD).

The three Ops Vans built by Work Caravans in Queensland, provide an outstanding capability for instructional flying and gliding training for Air Force Cadets who are learning to fly.

The Vans provide state of the art facilities including computers, weather stations, VHF/UHF radios, a parachute store, first aid facilities and a kitchen, all powered by a solar power system and batteries.

The first Van is already in use at GTS Flight Bathurst and operated through the winter flying and gliding training program with very positive feedback from instructors and cadets.

This has been a great collaborative project between RAAF, AAFC and Nova Systems.



NOMINATIONS OPEN FOR 2024 IACE OUTBOUND PROGRAM

Nominations are now open to Cadets and Staff for the 2024 International Air Cadet Exchange (IACE) Outbound program in July 2024.

The AAFC plans to send a total of 22 Cadets and 5 Staff on exchanges to Belgium (3 Cadets/1 Staff), New Zealand (3 Cadets/1 Staff), Netherlands (3 Cadets/1 Staff), United Kingdom (7 cadets/ 1 Staff), and the United States of America (6 Cadets/ 1 Staff).

These exchanges are self-funded however there may be assistance provided by the AAFC Foundation. Any questions on IACE can be directed Staff Officer International Activities to SQNLDR(AAFC) Jim Cash at james.cash@airforcecadets.gov.au.

Hurry, nominations close on **25 November 23!**

The IACE Association website also contains additional information, including programs of previous exchanges.



OUR FAMILY



Cadets
8,394



Instructors
1,557



Volunteers
491

QUOTE of the day



“The sky is not a limit; it’s a canvas waiting for your dreams to take flight.”

- Unknown

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