



AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE CADETS



VISION

The Best Youth Development Program in Australia.



MISSION

To inspire and develop young people in an air and space environment to achieve and maximise their potential to contribute to Australia's future success.



AIMS

- Give cadets a foundation of RAAF knowledge and discipline
- Develop qualities of leadership, self-reliance and initiative
- Develop character and good citizenship in the widest sense
- Develop an interest in the RAAF and aviation
- Instil a knowledge of aviation history
- Encourage an active interest in air and space into their adult life



LEARNING & DEVELOPMENT STATEMENTS

- Cadets possess knowledge of RAAF and RAAF history
- Cadets embrace core ADF and AAFC values
- Cadets have a developing sense of self
- Cadets can confidently lead and demonstrate followership
- Cadets are responsible and community-minded citizens
- Cadets are actively engaged in their own personal development
- Cadets are responsible and apply a safety mindset
- Cadets have a sense of pride and discipline through proficiency in drill and ceremonial
- Cadets can operate and survive in a field environment
- Cadets actively pursue air and space interests



END STATE

All Cadets are able to develop and become responsible young adults that can make a valuable contribution to the community within a safe training environment, while stimulating their interest in the aviation environment.





AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE CADETS CADET PROGRAM

AAFC Cadet Program is an experiential growth opportunity. It is focused on achieving the AAFC vision to offer the best youth program in Australia. The program will inspire young people to maximise their potential by emphasising and cultivating the AAFC values of Service, Courage, Respect, Integrity and Excellence.



DESIGN DRIVERS

- Air and Space focused
- Community-minded
- Progressive
- Meaningful, Relevant and Relatable
- Accessible and safe
- Developmental (Personal, Instructor)



LEARNING PHILOSOPHY

- Experiential
 - Learning through doing
 - Reflective observation
 - Conceptual thinking
 - Active experimentation
- Individual Development/ growth
 - Variability
 - Unique 'consistency'
 - Focused outcomes/ holistic concepts
 - Personal mastery
- Challenges
- Learner-led open electives



APPROACH

- Values based
- Human-centric
- Engaging
- Practical
- Applicable
- Inspiring...



MOTIVATED & CHALLENGED

BLUEPRINT DESCRIPTORS

DESIGN DRIVERS



AIR AND SPACE FOCUSED

Focused on gliding, drones and powered flying, the program gives participants a positive and educational air and space experience and appreciation of the RAAF and its history.

PROGRESSIVE

The learning program reflects a contemporary best-practice designed for the opportunities available in today's world and to prepare them for tomorrow, reflecting a constant desire for improvement of society, practice, and experience through the intelligent development of values.

ACCESSIBLE AND SAFE

The program provides uniquely consistent opportunities for all participants to experience success regardless of their circumstances or ability, whilst providing a safe and secure learning environment.

COMMUNITY-MINDED

The program provides opportunities to participate in new experiences that foster a sense of social concern, a willingness to contribute to community and life-long thinking of one's social impact.


MEANINGFUL, RELEVANT AND RELATABLE

The program holds value by incorporating and appealing to the views, needs and circumstances of youth across Australia, allowing participants to link new learnings with previous experiences and relate the concepts to their lives.

DEVELOPMENTAL (PERSONAL, LEADERSHIP, INSTRUCTOR)

The program assists participants to physically, cognitively and emotionally transition to adulthood through healthy exploration of identity and learning independence, with a specific focus on personal, leadership and instructor development.

LEARNING PHILOSOPHY



EXPERIENTIAL

The 'learn-by-doing' approach provides opportunities for participants to take initiative, make decisions, and be accountable for the results. This approach encourages active participation, learning through experimentation, critical thinking and self-reflection, helping participants absorb information.

CHALLENGES

The challenges incorporated in the program assist in the development of a growth mindset, self-awareness and exploration of personal interests. Personal challenges allow critical thinking and increased awareness of one's knowledge, limitations, thought patterns, behavioural habits, beliefs and skills.

INDIVIDUAL DEVELOPMENT/GROWTH

Participants will experience personal growth through their interaction with learning experiences, projects and community engagements. Participants will focus on developing their personal values and identity, as well as caring for the mental, emotional and physical health of themselves and others.

LEARNER-LED OPEN ELECTIVES

Participants will be encouraged to pursue personal interest areas to extend learning in specific subjects. Self-driven learning will empower and motivate cadets to have autonomy and control over aspects of their learning that is in support of core content.

APPROACH



VALUES-BASED

The values-based approach to the program recognises the importance of aligning participants' actions, behaviour and thinking with AAFC and ADF values. We will build experiences that align with these values, creating young citizens with good character of whom Australia can be truly proud.

ENGAGING

The program uses a variety of methods, multi-media, experimental and scenario-based learning to empower and spark curiosity in cadets. We will design content which will entice participants to take part.

APPLICABLE

The program accounts for the variability in participants' unique context and access to resources. We will allow flexibility for experiences to be appropriate for the local context.

HUMAN-CENTRIC

The program promotes a culture of focusing on the participant. We will put each participant's needs at the heart of their learning.

PRACTICAL

The program will emphasise an active teaching approach that encourages the process of learning through experiential activities. We will create activities that allow cadets to actively participate in learning.

INSPIRING

The program motivates and develops young people in an air and space environment to achieve and maximise their potential to contribute to Australia's future success. We will create experiences that evoke eagerness, joy and a sense of accomplishment.