



CADET NEWS

December 2021



ARE YOU READY TO FLY?

The Australian Air Force Cadets (AAFC) are taking delivery of four additional Diamond DA40 aircraft, taking the total fleet operated by the AAFC Elementary Flying Training School (EFTS) to 12 aircraft.

Powered Service Provider program using civilian air charter and flying schools is also being established to support cadets in the Wings where the EFTS does not operate. Meanwhile, the AAFC Gliding Training School continues to operate a fleet of 11 DG1000S gliders in QLD, NSW and SA. Our aim is to provide every cadet with an aviation experience in powered aircraft and in more senior years, to provide some cadets with the opportunity to learn how to fly in powered aircraft or gliders. Our goal is to offer the best aviation opportunities a young Australian can get. All aviation opportunities are free to all Cadets, meaning you will never need to pay to fly.



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Air Commodore Craig Heap AM, CSC
Director General Cadets - Air Force

The AAFC has enjoyed a big year despite many challenges. As part of Defence and the Air Force, the AAFC is dedicated to resuming cadet activities in a safe manner, in the air and on the ground.

In 2021, the AAFC conducted General Service Training, Field Training Exercises, promotion courses, firearms training and also operated unmanned aerial systems.

The AAFC Aviation Operations Wing conducted flying training in powered and glider aircraft including flying more than 2,000 cadets.

Normal AAFC activities are resuming as we look to 2022 with flying activities, a new cadet and adult curriculum, STEM initiatives, enhanced ICT capabilities and a multi-year audio visual upgrade. Enjoy the Christmas break and I look forward to a great 2022.



COMMANDER-AAFC

Group Captain (AAFC) Mark Dorward

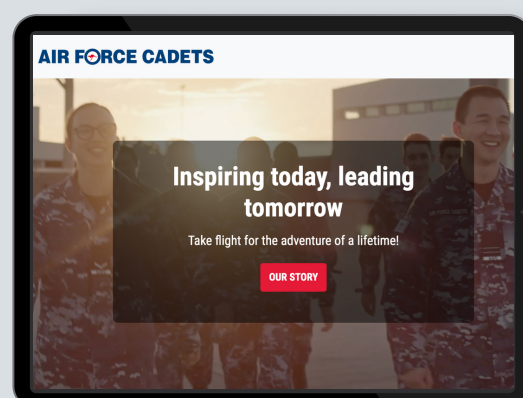
As the end of 2021 approaches, I know we are all looking forward to the future. Whilst the celebrations for our 80th year were not what we had hoped for, I believe 2022 will be a turning point in our history as we undergo an exciting transformation.



We have set a goal to be the best youth development program in Australia.

We march forward with a new uniform, cadet curriculum and technology refresh. We welcome new aircraft into the fleet and a new service provider program which aims to deliver flying experiences nationally.

While STEM and Cyber initiatives will be important additions to our learning program, our focus will always be on culture and inclusivity; creating the best environment for our cadets to help shape Australia's future.



GENERAL PURPOSE UNIFORM IN CADETS

Since its inception in World War II, AAFC has worn the uniform of the RAAF and the issue of the RAAF General Purpose Uniform (GPU) continues that fine tradition.

The project to deliver 18,000 sets of uniforms to around 9,000 Cadets and uniformed volunteer staff nationally, commenced December 2020 and should be complete in early 2022.

TODAY I
affirm



I will be my best self.



I am enough.



All of my problems have solutions.



My challenges help me grow.

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CADETS

INSPIRING TODAY . LEADING TOMORROW



WE ARE RECRUITING!

Recruitment into the Australian Air Force Cadets is now open - you have until 31 March 2022 to apply. For more information on the AAFC and how to join go to:

airforcecadets.gov.au

DID YOU KNOW?

There is a new WHS Mandatory Annual Awareness Training course in your learning portal for all Volunteers and Cadets to complete. Do the course and keep you and your mates safe!



890 NEW LAPTOPS

890 is the number of new laptops being rolled out as part of a major IT upgrades for the Air Force Cadets.

They are part of an integrated classroom system that includes the Australian developed Commbox system of high resolution touch screens, for an enhanced learning experience. These laptops will also assist Squadrons with administration and high-quality delivery of services to Cadets.



LET'S CONNECT



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