



KENT STREET SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

Aviation Newsletter March 2014



Term 1, 2014

Welcome to Aviation in 2014

The Aviation staff would like to welcome all new and returning students and their parents into the Kent Street aviation community. We hope that all students will take advantage of the significant opportunities on offer here at Kent Street by involving themselves fully in all aspects of the Aviation program, and that your time with us will be an enjoyable and educational one.

The Aviation Support Group (ASG)

All new parents are invited to introduce themselves to the vibrant Aviation Support Group in order to play a supporting role for your child, and also to enjoy the social and information sharing aspects that the ASG offers.

The ASG plays an important role in the KSSHS Aviation course, as it assists in funding the two aircraft, the computers and simulator software and many other items that contribute to the unique learning environment that is Kent Street.

The ASG meetings for 2014 are as follows:

Term 2: Tuesday 6 May 2014

Term 3: Tuesday 5 August 2014

Term 4: Tuesday 9 December 2014

The Term 4 final meeting is a social occasion with sausage sizzle and drinks provided. Meetings are held in the Aviation Centre and we encourage as many parents as possible to attend. Obviously students are also very welcome for the social occasions.

ASG AGM

At the ASG Annual General Meeting for 2014, the following people were elected:

Chairperson – Russell Elkins

Secretary – Lynn Pontikos

Treasurer – Amanda Keswick

Aviation Awards 2013

Congratulations to Troy Burgess, Dux of Aviation for 2013. Congratulations are also extended to Swastik Sharma, who was adjudged overall Dux of the School and was a very close second to Troy in Aviation.

At the end of each year, awards are presented for the top students in each year of the Aviation course. Many students strive to be the best they can be. This good healthy competition between friends has the effect of driving overall scores higher, often resulting in only a few percentage points separating our high achievers.

Top students in Aviation for 2013 were:

Year 11: Alex Cullen

Year 10: Sandon Dutt

Year 9: Sanganak Kasare

Year 8: Harrison Elkins

Virgin Australia Scholarships

Friday, March 7th saw all of our Approved Specialist Program students in aviation, cricket and fashion and design recognised for gaining acceptance into their respective course. Captain Jeremy Hood, an ex-student and now a Virgin Airlines Captain, presented certificates to those aviation students new to the school in 2014. He also announced the winners of the three \$1000 Virgin Airlines scholarships to Thelge Peiris, Roshan Bal and Hayden Pontikos.

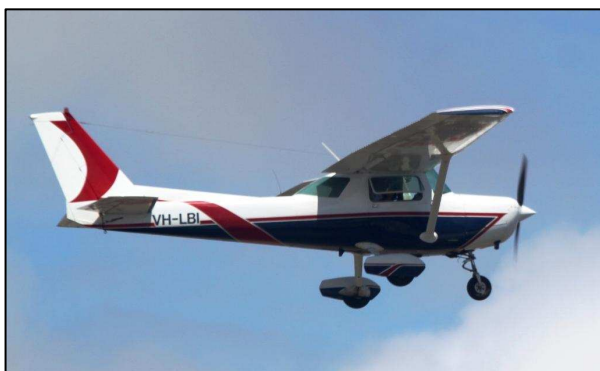
Student Flights

One of the highlights of the Kent Street Aviation Course is the opportunity for students to experience the exhilaration of flight in the form of an Air Experience Flight (AEF). An AEF is one of a series of flights that allows the student to become increasingly familiar with the sensation of flying as well as the controls, instrumentation and operation of aircraft.



VH-ECU, the school's Cessna C172 G1000

Parents and students are reminded that students can book AEFs at mutually agreeable times throughout the term with either Kevin Bennett or John McKenzie. We encourage students to participate in two or more flights per year to help maintain their interest and motivation and to learn about different practical aspects of flying light aircraft. Most students find AEFs to be highly motivating and personally rewarding experiences where they see the concepts and knowledge learned in the classroom put into action.



VH-LBI, the school's Cessna C152

An AEF can be undertaken in either of the school's two aircraft; the Cessna 152 VH-LBI (two seat) or Cessna 172 VH-ECU (four seat) aircraft piloted by one of the Aviation

staff. Kevin Bennett and John McKenzie are both experienced pilots and each hold a current Commercial Pilot's License.

The standard introductory flight in the C152 demonstrating basic manoeuvres, effects of controls and ATC procedures, costs \$100 for a 45 minute flight (one passenger).

The following three standard flights in the C172 cost \$100 per passenger for three people:

1. *Jandakot – Fremantle – Rottnest Island – Perth City – Jandakot*
2. *Jandakot – Armadale – Pinjarra – Forrestdale Lake – Jandakot*
3. *Jandakot – Lake Thomson – Murrayfield – Forrestdale Lake – Jandakot*

Longer cross-country and navigation flights such as to Bunbury cost more depending on the aircraft airborne time. Examples include:

1. *Jandakot – Fremantle – Yanchep Beach – Power House – Jandakot*
2. *Jandakot – Bunbury – Forrestdale Lake – Jandakot*

For those students who have turned 16 and are keen to commence pilot training, two options exist. Firstly, students can undertake flying training with Kevin Bennett during the school day utilizing our Cessna 152. Secondly, students can elect to undertake flying training with an accredited flying training school out of school hours. We urge students to undertake flying training in the school's VH-LBI as there are significant cost advantages in doing so.

Avalon 2015

Planning has commenced for the excursion to Melbourne for the Avalon Airshow in February – March 2015. Students and staff will travel to Melbourne then Avalon in Victoria for the Australian International Airshow, the largest Airshow in the southern hemisphere. The full list of aircraft is not yet confirmed but when it becomes available, the information will be at the Avalon Airshow website: www.airshow.com.au There has always a wide range of the latest

and greatest aircraft on display at these air shows as well as many military and civilian vintage aircraft.

It is anticipated that we will travel to Melbourne on Wednesday 25 February, returning to Perth on Monday 2 March. During the time in Melbourne, students will visit Air Traffic Control facilities, the RAAF Museum at Point Cook, the Shrine of Remembrance and the Queen Victoria markets as well as experiencing two days at Avalon Airshow itself. Further information will be handed to students and parents next month.

Oshkosh 2014

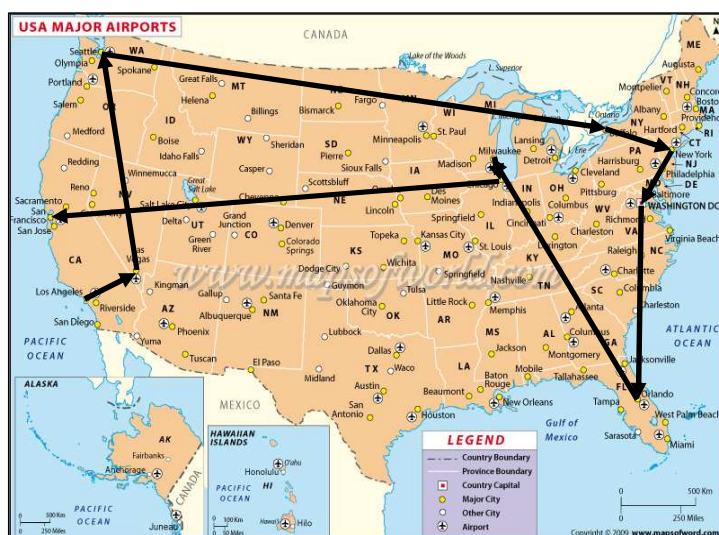
The major excursion for 2014 is fast approaching and arrangements are almost finalised. This is a 4 week trip to USA incorporating a visit to Oshkosh in Wisconsin to view the largest Airshow in the world.

The departure has been set as 6 July 2014, returning to Perth on 3 August. The itinerary includes visits to Aviation-related sites such as the Boeing Aircraft factory and the Museum of Flight in Seattle, the Smithsonian Institution in Washington and the Kennedy Space Centre in Orlando, Florida. Other places of interest include Universal Studios, the Grand Canyon, New

York and Disneyland. Please see the detailed itinerary below.

KSSHS Aviation Good Standing Policy

Please note that all students wishing to participate in Aviation excursions must maintain **good standing** while a student at Kent Street Senior High School. The school's Good Standing Policy is on p20 of the KSSHS 2014 Student Diary. As a general reminder, all parents are requested to read through the various school policies with their children and to sign their acceptance of the policies on page 12 of the student diaries.



Map of the Oshkosh 2014 Tour

Itinerary North American Tour July – August 2014

	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Sun
							6 TRAVEL DAY - FLY PERTH TO HONG KONG THEN LA
July	7 UNIVERSAL STUDIOS - ALL DAY PASS	8 TRAVEL DAY - LA TO LAS VEGAS	9 TRAVEL DAY - LAS VEGAS TO GRAND CANYON VIA HOOVER DAM	10 GRAND CANYON SAFARI AND RIM WALK	11 LAS VEGAS HOP ON HOP OFF TOUR & MGM SHOW	12 TRAVEL DAY - LAS VEGAS TO SEATTLE AND DUCKS TOUR	13 BOEING AIRCRAFT PLANT & MUSEUM OF FLIGHT VISIT
July	14 TRAVEL DAY - SEATTLE TO TORONTO	15 COACH TOUR DAY OF TORONTO	16 TRAVEL DAY - NIAGARA FALLS TO NEW YORK	17 NARRATED COACH TOUR OF NEW YORK	18 2 DAY NEW YORK CITY PASS	19 INTREPID SEA, AIR AND SPACE MUSEUM AND BROADWAY SHOW	20 TRAVEL DAY - NEW YORK TO WASHINGTON
July	21 WASHINGTON SMITHSONIAN MUSEUMS AND HOP ON - HOP OFF TOUR	22 SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTE - UDVAR-HAZY CENTRE	23 TRAVEL DAY - WASHINGTON TO ORLANDO (FLORIDA)	24 FULL DAY KENNEDY SPACE CENTRE - 2 DAY PASS	25 FULL DAY KENNEDY SPACE CENTRE - 2 DAY PASS	26 DAY PASS DISNEY - WORLD ORLANDO	27 TRAVEL DAY - FLORIDA TO OSHKOSH
Aug	28 OSHKOSH AIR SHOW - 2 DAY ADMISSION	29 OSHKOSH AIR SHOW - 2 DAY ADMISSION	30 TRAVEL DAY - OSHKOSH TO SAN FRANCISCO	31 NARRATED TOUR OF SAN FRANCISCO	1 TRAVEL DAY - SAN FRANCISCO TO HONG KONG	2 TRAVEL DAY - HONG KONG TO PERTH	3 ARRIVE PERTH

Student Highlights

Some Aviation students actively pursue their aviation career outside of normal school hours and some Kent Street Aviation students have attained some remarkable achievements.

Year 11 student Patrick Dunkel has already completed 4 of his Rotary Wing Commercial Pilot's Licence subjects and has flown solo in a turbine-powered R66 helicopter. Patrick first went solo in an RA Foxbat on his 15th birthday in 2012 and has since completed his Recreational pilot's licence in February 2013.



Patrick Dunkel in the R66 helicopter after his first helicopter solo flight

Two other Year 11 Aviation students, Rohann Khanna and Sandon Dutt, recently achieved first and second place in the Australian Air Force Cadets (AAFC) Senior Non-Commissioned Officer Course held at Pearce RAAF Base. Participants were tested to the limits with various assessments on Leadership, Drill, Field Craft, Organisation and Administration, Firearms Training and Instructional Technique. Other key aspects of the course were self-discipline, reaction to stress and last but not least, coping with physical strain in soaring temperatures.

Eighteen days of rigorous training culminated with the graduation parade whereby both Kent Street Senior High School students were acknowledged and awarded. From a total of 85 AAFC candidates from Western Australia and the Northern Territory, Sandon Dutt was runner up and Rohan Khanna was Dux.

As part of his award, Rohan will receive a flight in a RAAF PC-9 trainer aircraft.



Rohan Khanna receiving Dux of Course award at Pearce RAAF Base

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ASG Meeting Notice – Important!

**The next ASG meeting will be on Tuesday
May 6, commencing at 7.00pm.**

**Guest Speaker: Captain Paul Alexander,
Senior Check and Training Captain with
Virgin Australia
(Also ASG Member and father to Oscar and
Harry, students at KSSHS)**