



# KENT STREET SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

Aviation Newsletter September 2015



## Term 3, 2015

### The Aviation Support Group (ASG) Meeting – With Pizza Incentive!

Thanks to everyone who attended the ASG meeting on Tuesday 28 July. The meeting was well attended, which perhaps had something to do with the free pizzas for the parents and students at the conclusion of the meeting. We hope we will continue to see as many people as possible at future ASG meetings.

Craig Reynolds, ex Kent Street Aviation student and now an Air Traffic Controller, spoke to students and parents about the many career options available in the field of Air Traffic Control. He spoke well and those present learned a lot about ATC. Students and parents asked many relevant questions about career paths, recruitment standards, pay (of course!) and training procedures.

aircraft and completed about 20 solo launches in a glider, we hope the flight screening will present no obstacle to his dreams.



Rohan will join a very select group of Army, Navy and Air Force cadets from all over Australia. Entry is highly competitive and he has worked very hard towards achieving selection. Rohan has always been one of the top students in all of his subjects since arriving at Kent Street. He has also achieved the rank of Cadet Warrant Officer in the Australian Air Force Cadets (AAFC) and was Dux of both his Sergeant's course and his Warrant Officer's course, which earned him the enviable prize of two flights in an RAAF PC-9 turboprop trainer from Pearce.



### Next ASG Meeting – Important!

The next ASG meeting will be a social occasion including a BBQ and soft drinks on  
**Tuesday 8 December 2015**  
commencing at 6.30pm.

### Congratulations Rohan – ADFA Cadet

Congratulations to Rohan Khanna of Year 12 who has been selected to join the Australian Defence Force Academy (ADFA) in Canberra as a Royal Australian Air Force (RAAF) cadet in January 2016. Rohan will be flying to Tamworth in NSW for his flight screening test on a CT4 aircraft in November, and if all goes well he will be studying for a Bachelor of Technology (Aeronautics) at ADFA with a view to becoming an RAAF pilot on completion of his degree. Otherwise he will study a Bachelor of Aeronautical Engineering for a career in that field. Having already gone solo in a powered



I am sure all staff and students will join the Aviation staff in offering Rohan our very best wishes for his future career.

For more information on the Australian Defence Force Academy go to:

<http://www.defence.gov.au/adfa/>

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## Influencer Tour – A Teacher’s Perspective

Australia’s armed forces comprise of three highly developed services and tens of thousands of men and women in the Navy, Army, and Air Force. The work each service undertakes is challenging and complex, and at times it seems the work and facilities are a mystery. To try and ‘lift the veil’ and help the community gain a better understanding of life in the Australian Defence Force (ADF), Defence Force Recruiting recently hosted a group of 28 career advisors, community leaders, liaison officers, youth workers and teachers from all around Australia for a tour of the Enoggera (Gallipoli) Barracks in Brisbane, and the Oakey Army Aviation Base near Toowoomba.



The group, including Kevin Bennett, were able to hear from currently serving personnel, who shared their story about their exciting career, and the incredible opportunities that it has provided. The Royal Australian Regiment Memorial Walk resonated with the whole group, with the guests gaining a thought-provoking insight into the significant history of the Australian Defence Force and the important role that the armed forces plays in Australia, both in the past and for the future.



At Oakey Army Aviation Base the group visited the School of Army Aviation (SAA), the Army Helicopter School (AHS), and the Royal Australian Electrical and Mechanical Engineers Aircraft Maintenance School (RAMS).

The guests were able to see the rotary wing aircraft, including the MRH-90 and OH-58 Kiowa. Guests were also given the exciting opportunity to sit inside the MRH-90 helicopter, getting up close and personal to learn more about their operation. An ex- student, Leigh Knox, is now a qualified flying instructor on the MRH-90 and spoke at length with KB during the visit to Oakey.

The Australian Defence Force (ADF) is now recruiting for various roles in the Navy, Army, and Air Force. For more information on military training or careers in the ADF call 13 19 01 visit: <http://www.defencejobs.gov.au/>.

## Wings over Whiteman

The West Australian Model Aircraft State Centre (WAMASC) is proudly staging its “Wings over Whiteman” annual radio control event at Whiteman Park over the W/E of the 7th and 8th of November 2015 inclusive.

WAMASC would like to extend an invitation for all aviation enthusiasts to attend.

### WOW (WINGS OVER WHITEMAN) 2015

A poster for the 'Wings Over Whiteman' event. The title 'WINGS OVER WHITEMAN' is written in large, stylized, blue and yellow letters. Below the title, the dates 'November 07th - 08th' are displayed. The central image shows a red and white model aircraft in flight against a blue sky. Below the image, the text reads: 'See a huge range of flying model aircraft including: Warbirds - Aerobatics - Helicopters - Novelty Planes - Sports Aircraft - Control Line - Jets and more!'. Further down, it says 'Daily 9am to 4pm', 'Admission - Gold Coin Donation', and 'Light refreshments available'. At the bottom, the WAMASC logo is shown, followed by 'W.A Model Aircraft State Centre', 'Whiteman Park off Beechboro Road', and 'For more details: www.wamasc.org.au'.

Light refreshments are available on the day and a varied assortment of both fixed and rotary wing model aircraft will be gracing the skies.

## Virgin Work Experience

David Nickels has completed his work experience placement in the aircraft engineering and maintenance hangars with our sponsor Virgin Australia Airlines. He is the first Kent Street student to have the opportunity to work in the Virgin hangars and the staff there were very impressed with his attitude and work ethic. David reported it was *“an amazing experience to learn new skills, meet new people and get a better perspective on the work that goes on behind the scenes to make aircraft fly safely.”*

He worked every Thursday for 16 weeks on Fokker F100s, Fokker F50s and Airbus A320s operated by Virgin Australia Regional Airlines in Hangar 214 on the domestic side of Perth Airport. David is shown below in the hangar with an F100 in the background.



*“The highlight for me was helping to remove a turbine engine from an F100. Working with Virgin was one of the best parts of Year 12 and I'm grateful to both Virgin Australia Regional Airlines and the Kent Street aviation program for the opportunity.”*



As a result of David's excellent representation of the school and of the aviation students, it is likely that other Kent Street aviation students will be given similar opportunities in the future.

## Minister's Aviation Scholarship

Interviews will be conducted early next term to decide who will represent Kent Street at the selection panel interviews in November for the Minister's Aviation Scholarship for 2016. This prestigious award is worth \$3000 and is available only to students at government high schools studying Aviation in Year 11 who are continuing on to Year 12 and is to help towards obtaining their flying qualifications. Interested Year 11 Aviation students are encouraged to submit a brief expression of interest to either Kevin Bennett or John McKenzie.

Kent Street students have a very good record and have won this award on many occasions. Current Year 12 student Alexander Hazell won the 2015 scholarship and used the money to complete his dual navigation training, and is now ready for some solo cross-country flying.

## Upper School Exams

As the senior school exams approach, particularly the final Year 12 exams, we would like to remind students of the necessity for good study techniques. To achieve at your best, firstly take good notes and revise during the course of the year - don't leave it all to the last moment.

Then, effective study techniques include:

- Have a dedicated study area;
- Avoid distractions;
- Don't cram! - take short breaks;
- Test yourself (eg past papers);
- Don't get stuck on a problem. Move on and ask for help if necessary;
- Eat healthy;
- Get some exercise, and
- Sleep properly

Year 12 Aviation: Class of 2015



**Back Row (L - R):** Kevin Bennett (Teacher), Thomas Sorley, Brayden Sprigg dos Santos, Itgel Battogtokh, David Nickels, Benjamin Wreford, Blake Keswick, John McKenzie (Teacher)  
**Front Row:** Albertus Adrian, Sandon Dutt, Jordan Blain, Rohan Khanna, Maria Lorraine Lu, Phu Nguyen, Alexander Hazell, Taige Liu, Carl Ogoy

As the Class of 2015 Year 12 Aviation students prepare for their final exams we wish them well for these important exams and for all their future endeavours.

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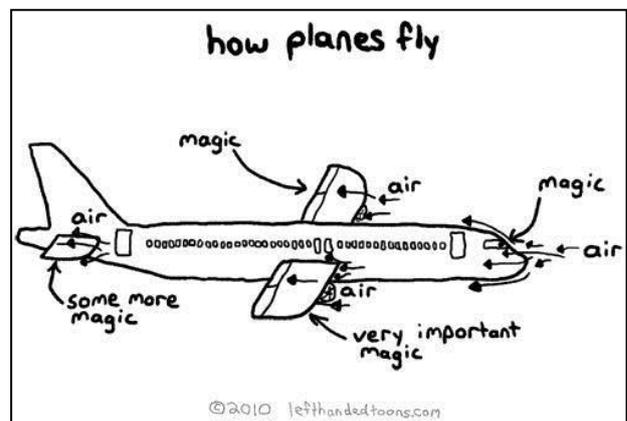
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*(Note to Year 12s – If you can relate to this, you'd better revise those notes a few more times...)*