



KENT STREET SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

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At the last ASG meeting on Tuesday 26th July, we had the pleasure of listening to Michael Bleus OAM, Chief Pilot for the Western Section of the Royal Flying Doctor Service. The meeting was well attended at which Michael spoke about the standards expected of RFDS pilots, the aircraft the RFDS operates, and some of the more interesting missions Michael and others have undertaken. The usual pizza and soft drinks went down well after the meeting too!



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The Aviation Support Group (ASG)

The Term 4 final meeting is always a social occasion, held in the Aviation Centre, and we encourage as many parents and students as possible to attend. Parents are asked to please bring a small plate of salad or similar, and the ASG provides food and beverages for the sausage sizzle. Assistant BBQ chefs are also welcome!



Next ASG Meeting – Important!

The next ASG meeting will be a social occasion including a BBQ and soft drinks on

**Tuesday 6 December 2016
commencing at 6.30pm.**

The ASG plays an important role in the Kent Street 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. We hope parents and students benefit through being active participants in the ASG.

Avo European Tour 2016

The Aviation European Tour, conducted over three weeks in July, was a great success. We visited several great Aviation museums in Germany, Czech Republic, France and England and saw the Farnborough Airshow. We saw several fantastic historical and cultural sites such as the bombed-out Kaiser Wilhelm Church, the Victory Monument, Berlin Wall and Checkpoint Charlie in Berlin, Auschwitz and the Wieliczka salt mine near Krakow in Poland, the World Jewish Museum in Warsaw, the Louvre, and the Museum of Science and Industry in Paris, the Greenwich Maritime Museum and the Imperial War Museum in London. Even things such as the high-speed Eurostar train through the Channel Tunnel and the London Subway were very interesting experiences. There were also plenty of opportunities for shopping and trying local food, and we finished up with an evening of ice-skating where Mr McKenzie achieved the dubious honour of the most bruising wipe-out... A feature of the tour was that after the scheduled daily events we often separated into small groups, giving students the chance to do things of particular interest to them, and this freedom was appreciated by all.

The next Aviation tour is to Avalon Airshow in Melbourne, Victoria from 1st to 6th March 2017. This will include 2 full days at the airshow, a visit to AirServices Australia at Melbourne Airport, the RAAF Museum at Point Cook, and a number of other experiences around Melbourne. Planning has already commenced for this trip and interested students **MUST** submit expressions of interest ASAP. The next overseas Aviation tour will be to the USA and the Oshkosh Airshow in July 2018.

The European Tour group is pictured below in front of an ex-Royal Australian Air Force (RAAF) DC-3 at the Luftwaffe Museum in Berlin

Please note that only students in Years 9, 10, 11 and 12 are eligible to participate in overseas trips to the USA or to the UK and Europe, and on interstate trips to the Avalon Airshow.



Blast Your Face Into Space!

One of our Year 7 students, **Craig Mathews**, has a slightly unusual claim to fame. According to Craig's mother, he has been obsessed with Aviation since about age 2 and ever since hearing about Kent Street at age 5 has wanted to join our Aviation program and worked hard to achieve this. Now aged 13 and studying Aviation in Year 7, he completed a very good model "Vanguard" satellite as part of the "Space" module of study. Craig's mother Mariaan entered a photo of Craig and his model in a competition to "Blast Your Face into Space". Craig was one of the winners, so on 5 October 2016 his photo will be part of a mosaic printed on the nose cone of the Ariane rocket carrying the nbn Sky Muster II satellite to an altitude of 36,000km above the earth. Definitely one of the more unusual achievements for our Aviation students!



Craig Mathews (Year 7) with his Vanguard model

Past Student Achievements

One of the great things about teaching Aviation at Kent Street is that a number of ex-Avo students keep us up-to-date with their achievements after leaving the school. It is very rewarding to follow their progress in their chosen careers and we hope, by publicizing their careers, that they may serve as a role model to current students.



Alexi Currie graduated from Kent Street in 2013, and has since been studying at the University of South Australia, achieving her Commercial Pilot's Licence last year. She recently contacted the school to let us know she has achieved her Multi-Engine Command Instrument Rating, flying in a Diamond DA42. She is in her final semester of study for her Bachelor of Aviation (Pilot) and has received several awards during her time at UniSA. She has also starred in a brief promotional video for her course. <https://youtu.be/889KDIP7G1U>



Aaron Kenworthy also graduated from Kent Street in 2013. He is now living and working in Brisbane and has since achieved

his Helicopter Pilots Licence. Aaron is pictured above at the controls of an R22 Helicopter.

Aaron works at a law firm fulltime as an IT manager and runs his own Helicopter Media/Support Business on the side which has currently 148,000 members. His business really took off because there was nothing else like it in the industry. Currently Aaron is partnering with other companies to provide sponsorships to students and pilots in the rotary industry.



Rohan Khanna (joint Dux of 2015) is now an officer cadet at the Australian Defence Force Academy (ADFA). On 9 May 2016 he returned to Kent Street and spoke to the Aviation students, showing them a slideshow and videos of some of the facilities and activities at ADFA. It certainly looks very impressive, and he is having a great time at ADFA and encourages everyone to apply themselves and work hard at school to achieve their goals. Rohan is pictured above in the ADFA RAAF Cadets' dress uniform.

Mike Murten is an older graduate of Kent Street's Aviation course, having graduated in 1995. Since then, he has served in the

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Royal Australian Air Force flying P3-C Orion maritime surveillance aircraft and has also been a flight instructor on the PC9. He is currently in the United Arab Emirates, training their pilots on the Lockheed/Pilatus PC21 advanced trainer. Mike is pictured below with a Roulettes PC-9 and a P3-C Orion in the background.



As a side note, the RAAF has also ordered these aircraft to replace their aging PC9 and CT4B fleet, so it is likely that in a couple of years, Rohan Khanna will train on these too. Pictured below is a current RAAF PC9 in formation with a Singaporean Air Force PC21.



Year 12 Aviation - Graduating Class – 2016



The staff and students at Kent Street Senior High School wish the graduating students of 2016 all the very best for their future endeavours.

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