

## **Glider Flying** Become a Pilot!

# AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE CADETS



### **AAFC Glider Training**

AAFC Gliding activities are carried out using the facilities of Air Force approved service providers. Week long training courses are held during school holidays. Gliders are controlled and flown just like conventional powered aircraft. Gliding trains pilots to be very well coordinated on the aircraft controls and to have a high degree of "in flight situational awareness" and excellent "out of cockpit" lookout.

## Learn how to be a Glider Pilot in the Australian Air Force Cadets

- A cadet can commence gliding training after completing 12 months home Squadron basic training and having been recommended by their Squadron Commanding Officer. Cadets must also have parental consent to participate.
- A cadet can fly SOLO at the age of 15 years after completing the pre-solo training syllabus.
- A, B and C Gliding certificates can be achieved during training with patches and badges being awarded for each level of competence by the Gliding Federation of Australia and the Australian Air Force Cadets.

Many ADF and commercial aviators commenced their flying careers by learning with the Australian Air Force Cadets.

## **The Air Force Flying Scholarships**

Flying Scholarships for cadets were first sponsored by the Air Force in the 1960's.

The Chief of the Air Force reintroduced the Air Force Scholarship programme in 2009 for both powered flying and gliding disciplines. It provides considerable financial assistance to successful applicants with their initial flying training.

Cadets applying for an Air Force scholarship must be recommended by their Squadron Commanding Officer, have parental consent, and be selected on their overall commitment to the AAFC through attendance at a home Squadron, and Wing based activities and undertake a selection interview to seek out personal suitability, enthusiasm and commitment to aviation.

#### For further information

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