What is our history?
The AAFC was formed in 1941 as the Air Training Corps. Its original aim was to prepare young men from the ages of 13 to 18 to join the Air Force.

In 2001, the Federal Government renamed the Air Training Corps, to the Australian Air Force Cadets. All three cadet services (Air Force, Army and Navy) form the Australian Defence Force Cadets.

What are the activities of the Australian Air Force Cadets?
The AAFC will teach you valuable LIFE SKILLS and you will develop qualities including leadership, self reliance, self confidence, self discipline, self respect, good communication, teamwork and citizenship.

It gives young people the opportunity to experience life in the Air Force.

Activities the cadets can undertake:
- **Weekly parades** where cadets have a set syllabus with topics such as Service Knowledge, Aviation, Field-craft, Survival, Drill and Ceremonial.
- **Marches and Services** such as Anzac Day, Remembrance Day and RAAF Association March.
- **Weekend field exercises** concentrating on bush survival, field-craft, navigational exercises and leadership training. Cadet experiences include:
  - Powered Flying
  - Gliding
  - Engineering (basic aeroskills)
  - Aero-modelling
  - Air Traffic Control courses
  - Musician
  - Firearms Safety Training
  - First Aid Courses
  - Adventure Training
  - Exchanges to overseas countries with other air cadet organisations
  - Leadership Training

Do you wear a uniform?
Two uniforms are issued at no cost: the Service Dress Uniform (Air Force Blues) and Disruptive Pattern Uniform (DPU).

Does it take up much time?
Parades are one night per week during school terms (three hours) plus some weekend activities. Camps and courses are run during school holidays.

How much does it cost?
Squadrons charge a yearly fee to cover administration costs and insurance.

For further information:
For your nearest Australian Air Force Cadet Squadron visit our website [www.aafc.org.au](http://www.aafc.org.au)
The Australian Air Force Cadets (AAFC) is a youth oriented organisation that is administered and actively supported by the Air Force.

Who can join?
The following conditions must be met before you can become a cadet:

- The AAFC will accept an application for enrolment from an applicant upon reaching the age of 12 years and 6 months. Acceptance of an application does not constitute enrolment as the applicant must be 13 years of age to be enrolled in the Australian Air Force Cadets;
- not attained the age of 18 years;
- have parental or guardian permission to enrol;
- be a person ordinarily resident in Australia;
- be sufficiently fit and capable of carrying out the normal duties and activities of a cadet in the AAFC. The applicant is to declare any known medical conditions at the time of application in order to assist the CO in the determination of suitability for enrolment and, if required by the CO, undergo a medical examination (at own expense);
- provide written parental or guardian permission for a qualified medical practitioner to anaesthetise and operate on the cadet in an emergency;
- not be a member of either the Australian Navy Cadets (ANC) or the Australian Army Cadets (AAC), unless such membership is compulsory;
- not be a Defence member; and
- make a commitment in writing that they have read and agree to abide by the Code of Conduct at Vol 2, Part 1, CH10 – Behaviour Management.

Aims of the Australian Air Force Cadets:

- give the cadets a foundation of Air Force knowledge and discipline;
- develop the qualities of leadership, self reliance and initiative;
- develop character and good citizenship in the widest sense;
- develop an interest in the Air Force and aviation generally;
- instil a knowledge of aviation history; and
- encourage cadets to continue an active interest in aviation into their adult life.