

"Career in the Air Force"

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On July 7 2009 RAAF Richmond hosted a work experience placement to highlight trades that are available within the Royal Australia Air Force (RAAF).

Six students from St Joseph's College, Hunters Hill attended the placement of which three of the students were very interested in joining the RAAF.

Flight Sergeant (FSGT) Mark Lyttle, provided supervision throughout the day, took students on a tour of the base in which they saw the Air Movements Training and Development Unit (AMTDU) and the Gymnasium before the students experienced lunch at the

Sergeants Mess. In the afternoon the students visited the Service Police and Military Working Dogs, Fire Station and Air Traffic Control Tower and ended the day at the Mechanical Equipment and Operational Maintenance Section. FSGT Lyttle was very impressed with the attitude and maturity displayed by the students.

Jarrad Anders (pictured below, third from right), a Year 12 student, was due to attend his Officer Selection Board the week after this placement with the hope to get into ADFA to become an Aeronautical Engineering Officer - he is still waiting on the result.



The students enjoyed the day which is highlighted by the following quotes and pictures:

"I really enjoyed today's placement as it was interesting, enjoyable, exciting, fun and showed jobs and employment careers



Pat Burns sits in the cockpit of a C130 Hercules, RAAF Base Richmond

"I never knew about and it created a general enjoyment" – Thomas Birtwhistle

"I found that the depth of information that was given on recruiting very helpful." – Jarrad Anders



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