



DEFENCE WORK EXPERIENCE PROGRAM

Defence provides Work Experience placements to secondary and tertiary students who are interested in a career in the Australian Defence Force (ADF) or Australian Public Service (APS). The program is nationally coordinated with placements offered at various Defence establishments throughout Australia.

DEFENCE CAREERS INCLUDE:

- Ship Building and Submarines
- Aviation and Space
- Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics
- Media, Communications
- Information & Technology, Cyber and Intelligence
- Healthcare – Doctor, Nurse, Medic, Dentist, Psychologist, Pharmacist
- Combat and Security
- Trades – Electrical, Mechanic, Carpentry, Hospitality, Plumbing
- Legal and Law Enforcement

ACTIVITIES YOU MAY PARTICIPATE IN:

- Ship or Aircraft Tours
- Vehicle and Weapon Displays
- Flight, Ship and Land Training Simulators
- Drones, Programming and Coding
- Military Working Dog Displays
- Physical Training
- Intro to First Aid / Combat First Aid and CPR

APPLY FOR WORK EXPERIENCE HERE:

Visit [www.defence.gov.au/jobs-careers/
student-pathways/work-experience](http://www.defence.gov.au/jobs-careers/student-pathways/work-experience)



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We would love to share our upcoming **Defence Work Experience Programs (DWEP)** for Semester 1 of 2026 in our region. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact us.

The Defence Work Experience Program (DWEP) is a national Youth Program that provides young Australians with an interest in a Defence career, the opportunity to gain exposure to a range of job roles available within Defence and the Australian Public Service. Defence work experience activities are designed to be hands on and interactive so that young people can make informed career decisions.

The program is aimed at students that have a genuine interest in a Defence career, demonstrate a high level of personal responsibility, focus, self-discipline and maturity.

We are pleased to advise the following programs are now taking applications online with more to follow in Semester 2:

SQLD DWEP PROGRAMS	PROGRAM DATES	APPLICATION CLOSING DATE
Air Force Familiarisation - RAAF Base Amberley	23 - 25 March 2026	11:30PM, 15 Feb 2026
Army Aviation Familiarisation - Swartz Barracks	24 - 26 March 2026	11:30PM, 15 Feb 2026
Army Familiarisation - Gallipoli Barracks	30 March - 1 April 2026	11:30PM, 15 Feb 2026
Indigenous Youth Program - RAAF Base Amberley	20 - 22 April 2026	11:30PM, 15 March 2026
Army Familiarisation - Gallipoli Barracks	27 - 29 April 2026	11:30PM, 15 March 2026
Air Force Familiarisation - RAAF Base Amberley	18 - 20 May 2026	11:30PM, 05 April 2026
Women in Aviation - RAAF Base Amberley	7 - 11 June 2026	11:30PM, 26 April 2026
Women in Aviation - RAAF Base Amberley	14 - 18 June 2026	11:30PM, 26 April 2026
Army Familiarisation - Gallipoli Barracks	22 - 24 June 2026	11:30PM, 10 May 2026
Army Aviation Familiarisation - Swartz Barracks	23 - 25 June 2026	11:30PM, 10 May 2026

Places are limited and students are strongly encouraged to submit complete and considered applications as soon as possible to avoid disappointment. We work alongside ADF Units to bring students a valuable experience with serving personnel and therefore unforeseen changes to operational commitments may result in a placement being changed, postponed and/or cancelled at short notice.

Please monitor the [DWEP website](#) for updates on the program and to apply.