



Defence Youth Program Fact Sheet

RAAF Indigenous Youth Program

Program Summary

The RAAF Indigenous Youth Program (RAAFIYP) seeks to encourage Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island youth (16-19 years of age) towards career opportunities associated with Air Force aviation.

The camps are designed to be held at operational Air Bases (such as Richmond, Williamtown or Amberley).

The aim of the program is to showcase military aviation careers as well as Air Force life on an operational air base. The students participate in a wide range of activities, including a demonstration of military working dogs, a tour of the base fire section, ground defence training, aircraft maintenance hangars, the flight line, flight simulators and other specialised work areas.

During the evenings, the students are kept busy with a series of Air Force and Indigenous cultural activities led by Air Force personnel and Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander Elders who are invited for this purpose.

This program is currently delivered with the support of Boorowa Aviation (an Indigenous organisation based in the Illawarra) and typically includes a fly-in fly-out experience and Indigenous mentors and supervisors.

Detailed program information is available at: [Australian Government Department of Defence](http://www.defence.gov.au)

