“The sky’s the limit”

“Aviation Studies is a fantastic subject. As well as being great fun, it opens up countless career opportunities. It is for anyone who has ever looked up at the heavens and wished they could soar.”

Chris, Year 11

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Ben, Year 11
**WHAT IS AVIATION STUDIES**

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**WHO CONDUCTS THE FLYING TRAINING?**

Students and their parents choose a flying school out of those offered by the school. Each flying school conducts before flight briefings and flying lessons during Period 4 on Wednesday afternoons and outside school hours.

**REQUIREMENTS**

There are no specific subject requirements for students who intend to only fly for pleasure. However, students must be a minimum of 14 years of age to take flying lessons and 15 years of age to undertake their first solo flight.

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**WHERE TO STUDY AVIATION**

W/change: Griffith University offers an Aviation Degree. For more information, please contact Peter Rolandsen (prola1@eq.edu.au) or Kelly Breen (kbree25@eq.edu.au) or phone (07)3327 8333.

**EXPRESSION OF INTEREST**

My daughter/son is interested in participating in the Aviation Studies Program in Years 11 and 12.

Student’s Name
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Parent/Guardian’s Name
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Address
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Phone
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I would like to gain more information on:
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**COSTS INVOLVED**

The cost of achieving a Private Pilot Licence is significant and varies between flying schools. The Recreational Aviation Licence is cheaper to achieve. As this cost regularly changes, students and parents should seek information directly from each of the flying schools.

**ASSESSMENT**

Theory tests and practical flying tests are conducted by the flying schools at Archerfield Airport. Based on progress made, and after consultation with the flying instructors, a subject grade is determined.

**RECOMMENDED PARALLEL SUBJECTS**

For students who wish to make flying their career, it is recommended that, in addition to Aviation Studies, students study English, Maths B, Physics and two other subjects possibly including Maths C. A pass in Senior Maths B is a requirement for employment by the major airlines.

**STUDY PATHWAYS AFTER HIGH SCHOOL**

On graduating from high school, students may continue with their training provider in order to work towards a Commercial Pilot’s Licence or an Airline Transport Pilot’s Licence. An alternative avenue is to enrol at Griffith University which offers an Aviation Degree.

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