

Introduction

The Newcastle Airport Schools Program was developed in 2005 in support of the Human Society and its Environment (HSIE) Syllabus for Stage 1 students. The HSIE Syllabus provides an opportunity for students to explore the world of Transport and Workers in the Community.

The Newcastle Airport Schools Program offers a one-off opportunity for students to experience the behind-the-scenes operations of a busy airport and transport hub up close.

Since its inception, this free-of-charge Program has proven to be enormously popular with schools within the region. In 2010 alone, more than 3,000 students participated in the Schools Program and repeat bookings have been taken for 2011.

Learning outcomes

Students will:

- > be able to identify the different people who work at an airport, the services they provide and the significance of their role.
- > understand the importance of an airport as a major transport hub and will be able to recognise the features of an airport.
- > witness the behind-the-scenes systems that allow an airport to operate and learn why they are required.
- > learn how different people in the community utilise an airport for different needs.



Frequently asked questions

How much is the excursion?

The Schools Program, including the in-class presentation, excursion and supplied material, is delivered to schools free-of-charge.

How many students can I bring?

Newcastle Airport can facilitate up to 100 students in one excursion. Unfortunately, due to security requirements, parents are unable to accompany students on the tour.

How long does the excursion take?

Teachers should allocate one and a half hours, plus additional time for getting on-and-off buses (particularly for larger groups). Additional time should also be allocated if students require a morning tea break or toilet stop before the tour commences. Please be sure to let us know before the excursion date if you plan to do this.

What time can we come?

All excursions are conducted in the morning, commencing between 10.00 and 11.00am.

Do you have a risk assessment form?

Yes. When a booking has been made, a risk assessment form will be forwarded to teachers, together with a confirmation letter.

Will the students get to go on an aeroplane?

No. Safety and security regulations prevent us from allowing students to go on board an aeroplane.



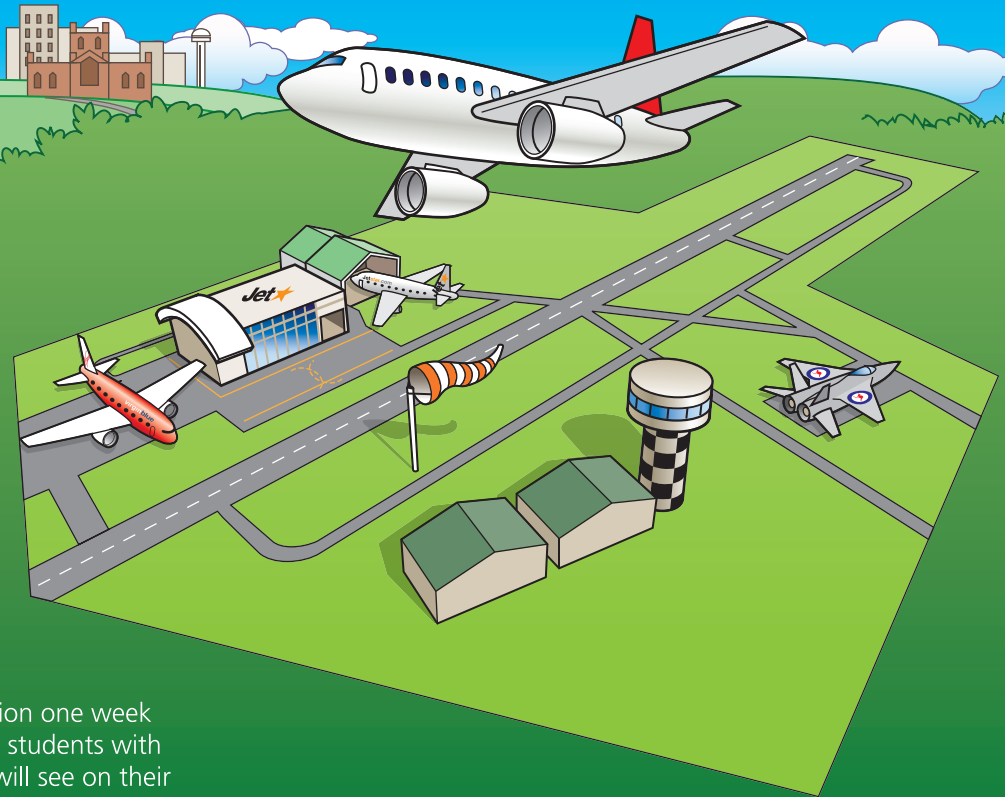
Take off and learn!

Schools Program information for teachers



More than just an airport...

Since 2005 more than 10,000 students have taken part in the Schools Program



School visit and in-class discussion

- > The 30-minute in-class discussion one week prior to the excursion provides students with information about what they will see on their excursion to Newcastle Airport. Visual aids are used to assist students to remember key words and information which they will be asked to recall during the excursion.
- > All students will receive a show bag containing an activity book, activity sheets, colouring pencils and a paper-plane to enhance their retention of the information given during the presentation.

How do I make a booking?

Contact Kylie Cooper, Marketing Communication Officer, directly by email kcooper@newcastleairport.com.au or phone **02 4928 9800**

Airport excursion

- > Newcastle Airport staff will meet your bus and direct bus drivers to a suitable parking area. Staff will ensure that students get on-and-off buses safely.
- > The duration of the excursion is approximately one and a half hours.
- > At the end of the excursion students will receive a gift to take home.
- > The tour is structured as follows:

Check-in	The function of the check-in area will be explained, including the role of check-in staff who check-in luggage and issue boarding passes.
Security screening	All excursion participants will go through security to enter the 'sterile' departure area. The importance of aviation security and a description of items that are not permitted to be taken onboard an aircraft will be explained. The tools used by security guards to check for dangerous items will be demonstrated.
Airside	Airside is the security restricted area outside the terminal. Here students will get an unrestricted view of the apron (tarmac) and runway. The windsock, air traffic control tower, and hangar will be pointed out. Students will be able to watch aircraft, often including RAAF jets, take-off and land.
Baggage handling area	Students will be taken to the checked-bag screening area and shown how the baggage handlers screen bags in preparation for loading onto aircraft.
Terminal Operations Centre (TOC)	Students are shown the central operating area of an Airport, including car park computers, CCTV cameras and flight information boards.

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