



**INFORMATION
BOOKLET**

OVERVIEW

SMGS offers two exciting opportunities for students who wish to pursue a career as a commercial pilot.

As a starting point, the following points are worth considering:

- there is a significant worldwide shortage of pilots, particularly in Australia, so career prospects as a commercial pilot have never been better;
- the main problem for many aspiring pilots is the high cost flying training;
- a number of commercial pilot cadet schemes are now being offered (Qantas, Rex and soon Tiger Airlines) in recognition of the above;
- pilot training involves a large theory component; and
- there are considerable advantages to start working towards a flying a career as young as possible.

1. Theory courses:

Basic Aeronautical Knowledge Course
Flight Radio for Pilots
PPLA/CPLA course

2. Flying and theory courses:

Theory:

Basic Aeronautical Knowledge Course
Flight Radio for Pilots
PPLA/CPLA course

Flying:

- CPLA 150 hour course
- Depending on year of entry, students can complete approximately half of the flying component (75 lessons) of the CPLA course while attending SMGS.
Note:
 1. Those wishing to fast track their careers can use holiday times to complete their flying lessons.
 2. Students will be able to complete their PPLA

CPLA = Commercial Pilot License (Aeroplane)

PPLA = Private Pilot Licences (Aeroplane)



Why choose to start a commercial pilot career at SMGS?

The pilot cadet scheme offered at SMGS is a unique program within the secondary school environment in Australia. The scheme offers the following features:

- Year 9 entry (although the scheme has a flexible entry system with students from Years 10 to 12 also being able to participate);
- Career prospects at the completion of either course;
- Use of the school's synthetic trainer;
- Integrated and ongoing staged assessment procedures which allow for an accurate picture of a student's prospects and progress;
- Work experience within the industry;
- Insights into all facets of the aviation industry including charter, regional airline, engineering and training operations;
- The opportunity to complete a full academic NSW School Certificate and Higher School Certificate;
- A tutorial style study program catering for individual learning styles;
- The opportunity to obtain recognised industry qualifications (all out theory courses are designed for students to obtain CASA recognition with assessment being conducted by our affiliate flying training organisation, Brindabella Airlines); and
- Individualised programs designed to accommodate both academic and aviation studies programs.

Flying training and theory testing is undertaken by Brindabella Airlines (BA). BA offers the program a number of advantages which include:

- A record of quality flying training;
- A variety of well maintained training aircraft; and
- Industry participation in regional airline, charter and engineering operations.

Safety net

Constant evaluation of students is undertaken as they progress through either of the courses.

Parents will be notified if a student is not making satisfactory progress.

With the flying component, lessons are charged on a per lesson basis. Parents are not required to pay for multiple lessons in advance.



Cost schedule

Please note:

The costs schedules presented here is to be used as a guide only. While the cost of the theory component remains reasonably static, there can be variations in the flying component. All flying costs noted here are approximate as flying training costs depend on student ability and frequency of lessons. Flying costs will also depend on the type of aircraft being flown. To begin with a Cessna 150 is used but for more advanced lessons, students will need to fly in a higher performing Cessna 172.

1. Theory courses:

Basic Aeronautical Knowledge course & Radio for Pilots course:

Texts and course materials	\$220
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PPLA/CPLA course

Texts & course materials	\$300	
Flight Computer	\$60 (approx.)	
Navigation instruments	\$80 (approx.)	
Maps/charts	\$50 (approx.)	\$490

2. Flying + theory courses:

Theory component:

Basic Aeronautical Knowledge course & Radio for Pilots course:

Texts and course materials	\$220
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PPLA/CPLA course

Texts & course materials	\$300	
Flight Computer	\$60 (approx.)	
Navigation instruments	\$80 (approx.)	
Maps/charts	\$50 (approx.)	\$490

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Flying component:

While at school, students can expect to complete approximately 24 lessons per year and as such, the cost below is based around some of that time being spent in a C150 and some in a C172.

Please note:

- these costs are approximate, the actual cost depending on a student's ability, frequency of flying lessons and the type of aircraft flown
- students can 'fast track' their qualifications by taking additional lessons in their holidays

Flying component (plus transport To Canberra Airport)

24 lessons (C150 & C172 + transport)\$6000 per year (approx)

IMPORTANT NOTES**Note 1:**

- lessons are paid for on an individual basis when taken
- there is no requirement to take a set number of lessons
- lessons may be ceased/or postponed at any time provided adequate notice is given to the school
- a written report on the progress of each student will be provided twice per year
- parents may contact the Head of Aviation Studies at any time to discuss matters pertaining to the program

Note 2:

In addition to the costs above, there are some one-off costs involved with becoming a commercial pilot. These include:

- ASIC pass
- Class 1 Medical
- Headset
- CASA examination fees

The school can provide assistance with these items.
