



CAN I JOIN?

To join Cadets you must:

- Be a resident of Australia
- Be aged between 12 ½ and 17 years
- Provide a statement from your doctor confirming you are able to participate in Cadet activities
- Not be a member of any other Cadet organisation or the Australian Defence Force
- Be able to attend the activities of the unit you wish to join
- Agree to abide by the AAC Code of Conduct
- Complete an application form and have your parent or guardian sign it
- Have your application accepted by a Unit Commander

HOW DO I JOIN?

You can find out more about Army Cadets by going to the Army Cadet website at www.aac.adfc.gov.au and find a Unit in a location nearest to you. Some Units accept recruits at any time, while others have specific recruiting periods.

So go on.....Take the Challenge!



Contact Details.....

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Joining the Australian Army Cadets is your chance to experience adventurous activities in a military setting. You'll make friends with Cadets from different cultures and all walks of life.

Cadet life is physical but not risky - and you won't have to be a superwoman or superman. Qualified and experienced Cadet Officers will instruct you. Safety is always a top priority and with more than 200 Cadet Units Australia-wide, there's sure to be one near you.

WHAT'S IT ALL ABOUT?

The Australian Army Cadets is a community-based, Defence-sponsored youth development organisation of some 15,000 Cadets and 1000 Cadet Staff that provides adventurous, fulfilling and educational military-like training for young people.

It teaches young Australians, aged between 12 ½ and 17 years, the value of teamwork, friendship, self-discipline, respect and a spirit of adventure.



WHAT WILL I DO AND LEARN?

As an Army Cadet you'll be offered challenging & inspiring experiences. You will learn valuable life and work skills. As a Cadet you will –

- Make new friends
- Be part of a team
- Learn to take responsibility
- Have fun
- Gain leadership skills
- Learn bush skills like canoeing, communications, abseiling, fieldcraft, orienteering and map reading
- Undertake tough adventure training and go bush, compete for marksmanship prizes and qualify for the Duke of Edinburgh Award
- Visit Army bases, attend annual camps and participate in challenging opportunities during the school holidays.

WHAT ABOUT UNIFORMS, EQUIPMENT AND FEES?

We provide uniforms and most equipment, and when you go on annual camp we provide the accommodation, food and travel. Each Cadet Unit has its own fee structure or charges for certain activities like bivouacs. Cadets are issued with some equipment including:

- Boots
- Disruptive Pattern Camouflage Uniform (DPCU)
- Basic bush camping gear

WHO WILL INSTRUCT ME?

Cadets learn from civilian Cadet Officers and Instructors who conduct senior instruction or directly instruct and supervise Cadets. Army Cadets is strongly supported by serving military personnel who work hand in hand with the organisation on cadet activities. In some cases, civilian volunteers with special skills help Cadet Officers and Instructors.

