

AAPA Rex010 commencement



After an intensive selection process, 10 new cadets have taken up a placement for the AAPA Rex010 program, which started on 16 May 2011. The *ab initio* live-in flight-training program will last for eight months and the cadets will graduate with a multi-engine instrument rating commercial pilot licence. Employment within the Rex Group will also be offered after satisfactory completion.

Throughout the program various senior Rex pilots conduct regular reviews of individual cadet performances across the different training modules. In this way, Rex benefits from the highly trained cadets joining the ground school after eight months.

We speak to two of the newcomers, fresh from their initial weeks of training at the AAPA campus in Wagga Wagga.



GABRIEL ROSSINO

How is your study in AAPA going?

As a student who has had previous experience at other flight-training schools, I can safely say AAPA is one of the best flight-training providers in the country. I like the fact that each instructor specialises in a different subject. They all teach with joy and passion, which makes learning very enjoyable. Having a class of 10 people allows for the classes to be personalised. The first thing instructors say is if you do not understand something you should not be afraid to ask, and I certainly have not been afraid of doing so. If someone does not understand, the instructor will stop and explain it until that student fully comprehends. The facilities are of a high standard and AAPA has provided all the tools we need to achieve the superior level required by the company.

What do you like most about AAPA?

After one week of living at AAPA it is difficult to single out one thing that I like the most. I used to work full-time, which was taking a toll on my aviation studies. I love the fact that I can fully concentrate on studying without having to worry about paying rent or buying food – because it is all provided as part of the program. The facilities – from the dormitories and the classrooms

to the library and the dining room – have been planned excellently and make living here so enjoyable. Everyone is friendly and will try to help you whenever you need assistance, from the CFI, the instructors, receptionists, kitchen and maintenance staff, as well as fellow cadet students. A lifelong brotherhood is created by being able to live with other cadets and socialise with people who have similar life goals to yours and who will help when someone is struggling. Since I am used to flying older aircraft, I could not believe that the youngest aircraft at AAPA had only reached the 50-hour service. I have not started flying here yet, but I cannot wait to take the Warriors up for a spin. There are many things I enjoy about living and studying at AAPA and I expect I will find many more things as I progress with my training in this organisation.

KRISTEN BENNETT

How is your study at AAPA going?

Even after only a week the study load is already increasing. However, the lecturers' knowledge and experience combined with all the resources available to us at AAPA make it a lot easier to gather all the information we need to understand each subject and ultimately perform to our highest standard on all exams.

What do you like most about AAPA?

The campus provides everything that cadets need to live and achieve while being based here: a gym, meals, simulators and a hangar full of new Pipers. One thing that stands out – and I am yet to see at any other flight school – is the ability to watch and ask questions regarding the maintenance being carried out on the aircraft we will be flying. While working at Sea World Helicopters, one of my duties was to wash the helicopters at the end of every day. I was pleased to find out that AAPA takes the same pride in their aircraft with partial cleaning after every flight and complete cleans of all aircraft every month. I could not be more excited to start flying again! 🌀

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