University Degree & Future Careers

Upon graduation from Kelvin Grove State College, students who have successfully completed the Queensland Aviation School of Excellence, attained a General Flying Progress Test and met the required academic levels, are eligible for direct entry into the Bachelor of Aviation at Griffith University (conditions apply).

Numerous career pathways exist for graduates ranging from Commercial Pilot to Air Transport Pilot. Students may wish to continue with RQAC for their training or may wish to undertake tertiary studies in a related field.

Selection Criteria

Students wishing to be considered for the Aviation program must demonstrate the following:

1. An exemplary behaviour and academic record as depicted upon his/her latest academic report.
2. Must attain a minimum of High Achievements in:
   • Foundation Mathematics B or Year 10 Extension Maths
   • Foundation Chemistry/Physics or Year 10 Extension Science
3. The financial ability to meet the Aviation program course fees.

Minimum Age

The minimum age for entry to the course is fifteen and a half years at the time of enrolment.

Medical

All students are required to undertake a class one medical examination with one of the CASA approved Aviation Medical Examiners before commencing the course.

Application Process

Please complete an Expression Of Interest For Student Enrolment form and return to Enrolments Officer Kelvin Grove State College.

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General Information

Kelvin Grove State College (KGSC) in partnership with the Royal Queensland Aero Club (RQAC) and in association with Griffith University offer senior school students the opportunity to study for their General Flight Progress Test (GFPT) whilst completing the Queensland Certificate of Education. This innovative program commenced in 2002 and is one of six schools of excellence offered at Kelvin Grove State College. Students enrolled within the Queensland Aviation School of Excellence who successfully complete the program offered and attain a GFPT are eligible for direct entry into the Bachelor of Aviation (Griffith University). Entry is conditional upon application and interview.

Course Overview

The Aviation program at KGSC offers a tailored course for students aspiring to become a professional airline pilot. The course focuses not only on developing superior flying skills but also has a strong emphasis on developing leadership, confidence and communication skills. Both flying and ground instruction are conducted at the RQAC (Registered Training Organisation of Certificate IV/Diploma/Advanced Diploma in Aviation).

Royal Queensland Aero Club is also a flying training provider for the Griffith University Aviation degree. Each student is allocated an individual instructor who assists with both theoretical and practical flying instruction. Additional lessons in physics and mathematics are conducted at KGSC. These lessons are designed to support aviation theory and individual student’s academic studies.

The Aviation School of Excellence incorporates regular formal progress checks which are carried out in accordance with College and Royal Queensland Aero Club requirements.

Course Outline

Students undertake their academic studies at KGSC over 4 days per week. Students choose 5 subjects (three of these must be Senior English, Physics and Mathematics B). On the fifth day students attend RQAC for their flight instruction and training that includes one on one instruction, briefing, lectures, practical training, flight simulation and self study.

Assessment

Theory Examinations include:
- Basic Aeronautical Knowledge
- Pre-solo air law exam
- Pre-area solo exam
- Flight radio exam

Practical Flight Examinations include:
- General Flight Progress Test

Uniform

Students enrolled in the Aviation School of Excellence will require both a pilot’s uniform and the Kelvin Grove State College formal and sports uniforms.

Fees

The Aviation School of Excellence current fee structure is available upon request. Course fees include all written tests, flight time, ground instruction, examiner fees, aircraft hire and fuel, headsets, textbooks, tuition notes, logbook, mathematics and physics tuition and awards.

Kelvin Grove State College is a government school and therefore, academic tuition for domestic students attracts a standard resource charge and additional levies as per individual subject areas.

All excursions and extra curricular activities incur an additional charge. Students are responsible for the costs of the aviation medical examination and also Student Pilot Licence and ASIC card.

Qualifications

Students who successfully complete the Aviation School of Excellence course will earn the following certificates:

- General Flight Progress Test (GFPT)
- Private Pilot Licence (PPL)
- Senior Certificate/Queensland Certificate of Education (including an OP if eligible)

All qualifications are approved by the Australian Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) and are recognised by the international Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO).