



Australian Government
Department of Defence



Army Familiarisation: Simpson Barracks

Reference number:	WEP/10655/23
Service:	Army
Placement Location:	Simpson Barracks Greensborough Road, Macleod VIC 3085
Type of Placement/s:	Secondary Placement
Start & End dates:	05 & 06 Dec 2023
Duration of Placement:	2 days - Tuesday & Wednesday 8:00am - 3:30pm Timings may alter slightly, you will be notified
Placement Limits:	40 participants
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Closing Date:	11.30PM, Tuesday 07 November 2023

Overview of Placement

DFSS is a unit in the Australian Army responsible for the delivery of Signals training to the Australian Defence Force and other elements of the Australian Department of Defence.

The ADF Signals capability is otherwise described as the military Communications and Information Systems and Electronic Warfare (CISEW) capability and as such forms the focus of training delivered to both trainees and advanced students through a range of vocational, equipment application and management courses.

Signals training at DFSS equip ADF members to employ CISEW capabilities in support of military land, maritime and aerospace manoeuvre - DFSS is where training technology and tactics meets. The Unit is situated across 8 Defence bases around Australia with a workforce comprising 300 members of the Navy, Army and Air Force, the Australian Public Service and independent contractors.

As part of this work experience placement, participants may be exposed military equipment and vehicles, participant in physical training and team building activities, visit the Royal Australian Signals Museum and be briefed on different signal job roles.

This two day work experience placement will be conducted by various Units including Artillery, Armour, Transport Units and maintenance warehouses.

Participants may experience some of the following activities:

- Drill
- Driving simulation activities
- Physical training
- Tour of School of music
- Team building activities
- Various demonstrations and practical activities.

Students will have the opportunity throughout this placement to speak with serving Army personnel.

Students will be provided with lunch each day.

Special Conditions of Placement

1. Students must be at least 15 years of age at the time of the placement and enrolled in an educational institution.
2. Students must have parental/guardian permission if under 18 years old and permission from your educational institute (where applicable) to participate
3. Students need to be able to attend on all days of the program. Priority will be given to students with a demonstrated interest in the Army or considering a career with Defence.
4. The program will involve some physical activities and transportation in military vehicles.
5. In order to meet Defence's obligations under the Workplace Health and Safety Act 2011(Cth) all participants will be required to disclose any pre-existing medical conditions, illness or injuries as part of your selection process. Should you suffer an injury or illness (eg. recent fracture or sprain) between the time of your application and any attendance on a program you are required to notify the Defence Work Experience Manager as soon as possible.
6. It is the responsibility of a parent/guardian to drop off and pick up their children from Simpson Barracks as the Defence Work Experience Program cannot assist with these arrangements. Students attending the program must be supervised outside of work experience hours by a responsible adult.
7. Dress regulations will apply.
8. On day one students must bring suitable photo ID to enter the base.
9. Applications may close before the advertised date if large volumes of applications are received. Students are encouraged to apply as soon as possible to avoid disappointment.

PLEASE NOTE: Students will need to make their own arrangements for travel to and from Simpson Barracks as accommodation is not available on the base.

Assessment Criteria

You will be required to answer the following questions when completing your online application:

1. What are your career goals and/or areas of interest in the Army? What are you doing to achieve these goals? (E.g. school subjects, part- time work, member of relevant organisations such as Cadets, SES, Scouts etc., contact with Defence Force Recruiting etc.)

2. What do you hope to gain from this experience?
3. Provide an example of when and how you have demonstrated leadership qualities or worked co-operatively in a team to make a positive contribution to the team performance.
4. Describe what sports and/or exercise you currently participate in (including how often), and/or any sports clubs, organisations etc. you currently belong to.

Eligibility

Work Experience opportunities are available for both secondary and tertiary students.

Applicants/candidates must be an Australian Citizen / Permanent Resident of Australia.

Age Group – Students participating in Defence work experience placements must be 15 – 24 years of age at the time of the placement.

What happens next?

IMPORTANT INFORMATION: Applications must be submitted through the online application system (eRecruit) prior to the closing date.

1. When registering on eRecruit and submitting an application, you must use your own email account preferably your school/education email address if you have one.

For further information refer to the [eRecruit Applicant User Guide](#).

If you are experiencing difficulties in submitting your application contact the Work Experience Program team via email at defence.workexperienceprogram@defence.gov.au for assistance.

2. Following the advertised closing date an evaluation of your assessment criteria responses will be completed.
3. The Work Experience Liaison Officer administering the placement will advise you and your School Work Experience Coordinator if your application for placement is successful.
4. If successful, you will receive a Work Experience Placement Agreement sent directly to you with a copy sent to your School Work Experience Coordinator.
5. To accept the placement offer:
 - a. complete the Work Experience Agreement;
 - b. have it signed by yourself, your parent/guardian (if you are under the age of 18) and your school principal; and
 - c. return it to your School Work Experience Coordinator.
6. Your School Work Experience Coordinator will submit your Work Experience Placement Agreement to Defence.
7. Once the Agreement is approved you will be provided with further information about the work experience placement.

Note: Contact your School Work Experience Coordinator with any queries related to your application.

Thank you for your interest
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