

## Australia Future Pilot Programme

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I would like to begin this letter by thanking all the teachers who saw my potential and gave me this rare and once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. The Future Pilot program felt like a dream, from submitting my application to returning to Hong Kong, and it would not have been possible without your support. As I share my experience, I hope my gratitude is expressed as fervently as I feel it.



The seriousness of this programme was evident from the moment I was informed that my first interview was with the senior management of the school. Truthfully, I would be lying if I said for a fleeting second, I did not reconsider my decision to apply. Luckily, I braved through it, and having the familiar presence of Mr. Lo KF did not hurt either. After that interview, my anxiety dialed down and only nervous-excited nerves remained. Afterwards, I breezed through the second round of interviews and the visa application process, all of which were made enormously less draining and stressful due to the help of Ms. Yiu and Mr. Lo, especially as it all happened a few weeks before the final exams. Miraculously, in the end, everything came together and I was on the plane to Australia.



It was potently stressed to us that the focus of this trip was learning, not fun. Though I was fortunate enough to make friends ever since at the airport in Hong Kong, who made learning fun too. And the first day we went to the UNSW Bankstown campus after a day of sightseeing, it was a whole swift in the mindset. Perhaps due to the change in the learning environment or style, but suddenly I was back to the pre-exam's mindset. Furthermore, the learning was challenging, with numerous entirely new concepts. I am firmly convinced that it would have been indefatigably harder to grasp the new concepts without the concrete foundations built by Mr. Lo KF, I considered myself blessed many times a



day when those around me were having an infinitely harder time than me. Moving on, flying the DA40 was undoubtedly the best part of my trip, and arguably one of the best moments of my life.

And when towards the end both the classroom and practical lessons came together, it was an unforgettable experience. It dawned on me, the overall roundness of this program when all the knowledge came together. Those stressful few days before the assessment took place passed and I had a certificate in my hand, that too from the top university in Australia. And in all honesty, I could not phantom the last time I had felt that proud of myself.



Throughout the duration of the trip, I had the pleasant opportunity to get to know our teachers in-charge better. I already had the fortune of going on trips alongside Mr. Lo, a true comfort, as I was slightly terrified of the prospect of not knowing anyone there. And during the days when we went around Sydney to explore and enjoy, I also had the pleasure of getting to know Ms. Sybel. I had some hard times on this trip, and I am incredibly grateful to both Mr. Lo and Ms. Sybel for their kindness.



As for my personal feelings regarding this trip, oftentimes it is beyond me to put into words this otherworldly experience. I have done so many things that a regular person never does in their

entire lifetime which I did in those two weeks. I flew a plane, I navigated the plane routes, I came up with maximum utilization plane flying times and so much more. This trip has made me realize the importance of trying out new experiences, even those you think might not be your cup of tea. I always had this thought at the back of my head of becoming a pilot, based purely on my fascination with planes flying, and this trip gave me the chance to experience it first-hand too.

I would be forever grateful for this opportunity, and for everyone who made it possible, the school and teachers in particular. Thank you for this wonderful chance.

