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MEDIA STATEMENT

Jandakot Airport supports next generation of aviators

Jandakot Airport Holdings (JAH) has formed a new community partnership with Kent Street Senior High School to support students enrolled in Aviation Studies.

It is the first major partnership formed as part of the JAH Community First Programme and will boost the funds available for students to undertake familiarisation and instructional flights.

JAH Managing Director John Fraser said JAH was committed to supporting young people achieve their dream of working in the general aviation industry.

"Given the current staffing shortage in the aviation industry we see this partnership as an investment in the future of these students and that of general aviation," Mr Fraser said.

"I'm pleased to offer our support to the school and look forward to learning about the students benefiting from this partnership."

School Principal Rod Beresford said the approach from JAH to support Kent Street Senior High's Aviation Studies program was met with enthusiasm.

"The funding will allow two members of staff, who are both practicing commercial pilots, more time in the air with students," Mr Beresford said.

"We have 125 students, selected from all over Western Australia in the program.

"Partnering with JAH will assist us to meet the expanding student demand and it will help provide special experiences for these students."

Kent Street Senior High School operates the first purpose built Aviation Education Centre in the southern hemisphere.

The school owns and operates three aircraft – a two-seat Cessna 152, a four-place Cessna 172 and a student built Vans RV6A.

Mr Beresford said all aviation students could partake in familiarisation flights and many also chose to undertake flying training with the resident school instructor towards the attainment of the Private Pilot Licence.

Students interested in entering this specialized program can contact Kent Street Senior High School directly on 08 9262 0541 or alternatively visit the website <http://kentst.wa.edu.au>.

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Editor please note: photo opportunity with Kent Street students and staff and JAH available on request. Please contact Mia Davies on 0412 656 005 to arrange.