



Australian Government
Department of Defence



Introduction to Navy: HMAS Cerberus (Overnight Placement)

Reference number: WEP/01630/24

Service: Navy

Placement Location: HMAS Cerberus

Sheean Avenue, Crib Point VIC 3920

Type of Placement/s: **Secondary (for VIC, SA and TAS students)**

Start & End dates: 28 – 30 May 2024

Duration of Placement: 3 days, 4 nights

Arrival on 27th May (Afternoon)

Departure 31st May (Morning)

Placement Limits: 40

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Closing Date: **11:30 PM, Sunday 24th March**

Overview of Placement

HMAS Cerberus is the Navy's premier training establishment in Australia with approximately 6000 personnel trained annually. The base is located 70km from Melbourne on Western Port Bay. The primary role of HMAS Cerberus is Navy personnel training.

This overnight work experience placement is open to Victoria, South Australia and Tasmanian students. The program will run over 3 days and 4 nights, students to arrive Monday 27th May in the afternoon and depart on Friday 31st May in the Morning. Participants will be provided with breakfast, lunch and dinner for the duration of the placement. Accommodation will be provided for all participants at HMAS Cerberus Navy base and students will be supervised at all times.

This work experience placement will run over 3 days and be conducted by various units including the Boatswain Faculty, School of Survivability and Ship Safety (SSSS) and School of Signals.

Apply Here:



Participants may experience some of the following activities:

- Navy swimming test and pool activities
- Sea survival drills in the pool
- Visit to the countersink facility and use of other navy training simulators
- Lessons in knots and navigation using RHIB and helm simulators
- Physical training and team building exercises
- Tour and briefing of Maritime logistic facilities and meet Instructors
- Presentation from Defence Force Recruiting, opportunity to ask questions

Special Conditions of Placement

1. Placements can be changed, postponed and/or cancelled at short notice due to operational requirements.
2. Preference will be given to students from Victoria, South Australia and Tasmania.
3. Interstate participants are responsible for all travel related costs that may occur should the placement be changed, postponed or cancelled.
4. Participants must make their own way to and from HMAS Cerberus. Participants under the age of 18 must be supervised outside of work experience hours (while not on Defence base).
5. Applicants must be 15 years of age at the time of the placement.
6. By submitting an application, you acknowledge that you have read all items listed in the Special Conditions of Placement.
7. Accommodation will be provided to all participants at HMAS Cerberus Navy 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 Navy? What are you doing to achieve these goals? (E.g. school subjects, part-time work, member of relevant organisations such as Cadets, SES, Scouts, contact with Defence Force Recruiting etc.)
2. Why do you want to do work experience at HMAS Cerberus? What do you hope to gain from this experience?
3. Describe what sports and/or exercise you currently participate in (including how often), and/or any sporting clubs, organisations etc. you currently belong to.
4. The program will involve some water activities; therefore, students will need to be competent swimmers. How often are you involved in swimming activities?

Eligibility

This Work Experience opportunity is for secondary students only.

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

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

What happens next?

IMPORTANT INFORMATION: Applications must be submitted via the online application system prior to the placement closing date. Additional information on completing an online application can be found on the [Help page](#).

1. To make an application, you will need to [Register](#) for an account. Use the email account that you access most regularly.
2. You may be required to answer assessment criteria questions as part of the application process. Make sure all questions are answered and provide detailed responses.
3. Following the advertised closing date, an assessment of applications will commence.
4. The regional Work Experience Team will advise you of the outcome of your application.
5. If successful, you will receive a letter of offer containing information about the placement and a Defence Work Experience Placement Agreement. To accept the placement offer:
 - a. complete the Work Experience Agreement;
 - b. ensure all relevant sections are signed by yourself, your parent/guardian (if you are under the age of 18) and your Education Institution Representative (e.g. Careers Advisor or Vocational Education Teacher).
 - c. submit your completed Work Experience Placement Agreement through the online portal (see letter of offer for details)
6. You will receive a reminder email or SMS message before the placement start date. Check your email inbox regularly for updates.

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.

Note: Contact the Contact Officer with any queries related to your application.

Thank you for your interest
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