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NEW SOUTH WALES GROUP EDUCATION

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HOW TO GUIDE FOR SELF-STUDY DURING THE SUSPENSION PERIOD

Dear Parent/Guardian,

With the suspension of normal Australian Air League activities, your child is still able to complete their educational training. Education badges, diplomas and aircraft modelling are still available for all of the League's members and this how to guide will aid you to help your child to reach their goals.

All Squadrons have an education program, and during the period of suspension your child's Officer Commanding Squadron or Squadron Education Officer will provide to you a program that will form the basis of their training. If your child has an interest in plastic or balsa modelling, these activities will create a hobby for life as well as provide hours of entertainment.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact your Squadron's Officer Commanding or Education Officer.

STUDY PROGRAM

Every Squadron in the Australian Air League has a unique parade night program. During the night, time is set aside for Education. While many of the League's activities have been suspended, Education courses are still held. The Squadron Education Officer will have provided the members a number of courses for them to complete at home as well as an ideal study program. Due to the short time frame available for Officers to create these programs, many will be generic and not unique to the individual member. Because of this, the League asks Parents to contact Squadron Education Officers or the Officer Commanding Squadron with ideas to make this study time fun and enjoyable for the kids.

Activities such as modelling can be a fun way to break up the monotony of study as well as provide hours of entertainment should the suspension be extended. Attached at the end of this Guide is a sample study program that all Squadrons will receive to aid them to plan education programs during the suspension.

ASSESSMENT PROCESS

The Australian Air League's assessment process can be difficult to understand under normal circumstances, let alone under these trying times. Because of this, the Federal and Group Education Commissioners have been working to create an easy to follow process for all to follow. This process is outlined here to provide Parents with a quick reference guide.

1. Your son or daughter will undergo self-study per the program given to them by their Squadron Officers.
2. Every Australian Air League Workbook is divided into chapters and these chapters have a post-chapter questionnaire. These questionnaires are designed to help prepare your son or daughter for their assessment and also go towards the total course mark. It is important that these questionnaires be filled out.
3. Once your son or daughter has completed their studies and the questionnaires have been completed, it is time to scan the questionnaires and send these to your Officer Commanding Squadron or the Squadron Education Officer.
4. At this point you will be contacted via email by your State's Group Education Commissioner, or in the case of New South Wales, your Regional Education Officer. This Officer will email you the assessment papers and the answer sheet.
5. The answer sheet will be a Microsoft Word Document and can be filled in on the computer and so no printing is necessary for your son or daughter to complete their assessment.
6. All Australian Air League assessments are an hour in length and it is asked that Parents have their child sit the exam within two weeks of the exam being emailed.
7. Once your son or daughter has completed their assessment, please email the completed answer sheet back to your Officer who sent it who will now mark it. It is requested that once the answer sheet has been emailed, that Parents delete all the papers sent to them. Your assistance is gratefully appreciated.
8. Your Officer Commanding Squadron or Squadron Education Officer will contact you about your child's next course.



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SUGGESTION SELF-STUDY PROGRAM

Time (Minutes)	Activity
40 Minutes	Study Education Course as organised by the Squadron
60 Minutes	Modelling Time
20 Minutes	Review the Education Course

This Self-Study Guide utilises the member's time usually spent at their Squadron Parade Night. It also includes an hour of modelling to break up the monotony of study as well as allow them to work towards the Group or Federal model entries. Building models make for great photos and can be shared on Squadron Social Media/Websites to show and inspire others.

Building a Kite, Balsa Chuck Glider and a 1/72 Plastic Aircraft during the time set aside for modelling means members can work towards their Aero Modelling Class 4 while also study other courses. Modelling is a great way to provide constructive entertainment during the long period of self-isolation.

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