

DEFENCE SCHOLARSHIP FAMILIARISATION COURSE

1. **Course Details.** The following extract from the Course Curriculum provides some information on the course that you will be attending at DITC. Should you require more information, please contact wilditcarrivals@defence.gov.au.
 - a. **Title.** Defence Scholarship Familiarisation (DSF) Course.
 - b. **Aim.** The DSF is a very intensive course designed to prepare you for the demands of an Australian tertiary study programme.
 - c. **Description.** The DSF provides language and study skills to prepare you for attendance on post-graduate courses at Australian universities. It concentrates primarily on developing generic academic writing skills and academic speaking skills.
 - d. **Duration.** Four weeks. The key Administration and Reception Period (ARP) briefs are incorporated into the program, usually within the first week. Some of the training may be conducted online.
 - e. **Prerequisite Qualifications or Assessments.** Prior to attending this course you must have the minimum IELTS-A entry levels prescribed by your selected tertiary institution and have been accepted on a course.
 - f. **Course Learning Outcomes.** On completion of the course, you will have familiarized yourself with:
 - (1) taking and using notes from taped and /or live academic lectures
 - (2) writing a research-based essay that conforms to academic writing conventions
 - (3) delivering a brief oral presentation
 - (4) engaging in academic discussion tasks both live and online.
2. **Assessment.** This course is formally assessed. You must demonstrate the required competency in the performance of training objectives (as above). The assessment items will cover the language skills areas of Listening, Speaking and Writing.
3. **Course Activities.** During the course, you will undertake a variety of activities. You will be provided with a complete program at the start of your course. Some of these activities in addition to the classroom may be physical in nature. This is a very intensive program, requiring a high level of commitment, but is very rewarding in terms of preparation for university studies.
4. It is expected that you bring your personal laptop for use at DITC and your host university. If you do not currently own one, it is highly recommended that you consider purchasing one.

5. **Excess Baggage.** DSF course students have no entitlement to excess baggage. Where applicable, further career or other target course entitlements to excess baggage may still apply.
6. **Additional Base Access.** The DSF course is conducted at RAAF Williams Laverton with no additional base access required.
7. **Dress.** For the majority of the course, smart, casual civilian dress is to be worn, together with a clear name badge detailing rank and name. On Day 1 and for graduation, service dress or equivalent is to be worn.