



## **WORK EXPERIENCE EXPOSES STUDENTS TO FUTURE SKIES®**

V-TOL in partnership with the Royal Queensland Aero Club (RQAC), Australia's oldest manned aviation flight training school, is developing Future Skies®\* work experience programs designed to engage secondary school and undergraduate university students with the manned and emerging unmanned aircraft (UA) industry.

This unique partnership will offer an educational and interesting set of programs exposing students to the various career pathways that can be pursued in the manned and emerging unmanned aviation industry. Multi-day programs will be offered during secondary school holidays and work experience for university students will be through selection and invitation. The key objective of the programs is to attract talented and enthusiastic students into the 21<sup>st</sup> century world of aviation. The Australian Unmanned Systems Academy (AUSA) will run the program as part of its Future Skies® Schools Program.



**Sheran Silva a QUT under graduate with a Warrigal UA during testing. Josh Martoo and Zack Hankin from Church of England Grammar School students at RQAC during the work experience “test” program.**

“Completing my work experience at V-TOL has opened my eyes to the reality of how businesses operate and how engineers fit into an organisation. Also having the opportunity to contribute to live projects with V-TOL engineers has been extremely beneficial and enjoyable for me,” said Sheran Silva, Undergraduate, Queensland University of Technology (QUT).

“Some of the highlights of the work experience program have included going for a familiarisation flight in a manned aircraft, visiting engineering workshops, air traffic control, sitting in on the first Level 1 Remote Piloted Aircraft course in the world and seeing how UAVs work and fly,” said Frank Martin, CEO AUSA.

“It is our intention to invigorate the way in which our youth learn about aviation through the Australian Unmanned Systems Academy’s Future Skies® programs. By offering hands on work experience with RQAC, that includes exposure to manned and unmanned aviation careers, we believe students will have a better understanding of the opportunities of the future aviation industry. To grow our industry we will need to attract enthusiastic and talented professionals,” said Mark Xavier, V-TOL Group Managing Director.

V-TOL Aerospace is an Australian leader in UAS technology, flight operations and training.

\***Future Skies** is the youth education and training program of AUSA. See [www.ausacademy.org](http://www.ausacademy.org)

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