



**Critical Policy - 1  
CULTURAL BONDING - National Security**

## **POSITIVES WITHIN & FROM ODF TRAINING**

### **No Disruption to Higher Learning**

It hasn't begun.

### **No Disruption to Careers**

In most cases career paths have not been **carefully** selected, let alone begun.

### **No Disruption to Apprenticeships**

Apprenticeships in progress, will be completed prior to immediately entering ODF Training on the following 10 January.

### **Students Repeating Final Year**

A final secondary school year can be repeated, if necessary, prior to entering ODF Training.

### **A Compulsory Gap Year**

ODF Training represents a compulsory Gap Year of vital, broad education added to the 12 years already completed (in most cases), of which 10 years (in all cases) have been **compulsory**.

### **ODF Training sites**

As with Distribution Centres, the same 2,700 Secondary Schools (Australia-wide) will be proposed as ODF Training sites, with training taking place without disruption to the curriculums of these schools. These ODF Training sites will be the Secondary Schools of Origin for the vast majority of ODF Students.

### **Income and Travel**

All ODF Students will be paid an allowance of \$100 per fortnight plus two lump sum bonuses amounting to \$500, and will be supplied accommodation (if required), catered for (if required), given free travel to and from ODF Training sites; have the best of medical care, and be provided with multi-purpose uniforms which will also be worn when marching on ceremonial occasions.

### **Leave and Open Days**

ODF Students will cease training for 14 days at the end of 4 and 8 months. Parents and Guardians will be encouraged to attend ODF Training sites to inspect training procedures and attend parades on at least three occasions (i.e. Open Days) during the year.

### **Career Options Are Opened**

No 12-month-period in the life of a young Australian could be more wisely spent, if **only** for the purpose of selecting the right career path when comprehensive exposure to the ODF Career Awareness Programs has completed. And many of these trades,

professions, and career paths generally, are also available in the Naval, Army and Air Force divisions of the Australian Defence Force (ADF).

### **Awards**

All ODF Students will be encouraged to compete for Awards within a large range of scholastic, social, and athletic activities. Many of these Awards will be granted early in ODF Training allowing trainers to promote Students through the ranks.

### **No Overseas Deployment**

ODF Training is a final year of education which will act as a platform from which some may voluntarily choose a Trade or Professional career within the ADF, or seek Trade and Professional careers through conventional civilian avenues and higher learning centres; or develop a career within the Australian Public Service; or go on to gain employment within industry and small business. All of these options will have been opened up to ODF Students. **ODF Training is not conscription.**

And although, for some, the ODF defence training component may voluntarily continue within the ADF or Reserve Force as the years pass, **no** ODF personnel during the course of ODF Training, will be deployed mandatorily as an overseas combatant or for internal defence purposes.

### **An Allowable Objection**

Any young Australian who believes that he or she should object to ODF Training on the grounds that it involves, in part, the possible future internal defence of their nation, will be offered alternative training which excludes the physical (not theoretical) defence component. And this will be the only modification allowable within ODF Training.

### **National Pride**

All ODF Students will march in their own right alongside Defence Force personnel, Defence Force Reservists and Ex-Service personnel on Anzac Day, Remembrance Day, National Service Day, Vietnam Veterans' Day and Reserve Forces Day.

And the flag under which ODF Students march will be the flag under which the blood of so many Australians has been shed to ensure the security and prosperity of a nation now enjoyed by **all** cultures irrespective of religious beliefs.

### **Respect of Rights**

All ODF Students will have the inalienable right to practice their religious beliefs during the course of their training and on-site leisure time.

### **Economic Prosperity**

ODF Students will take a journey through every aspect of the environment, Australian industries, small businesses, and the entrepreneurial sides of commerce. They will be involved in business planning, medicine, engineering, architecture, the sciences and the arts.

It will be an action-packed adventure brimming with creativity that rarely surfaces in many, and an experience that everyone will take through life in the most positive way. Achievement, and the prosperity that flows from it will be their personal reward as they carry the resultant economic prosperity of their nation with them.