



Infantry Familiarisation - 3rd Royal Australian Regiment: Lavarack Barracks

Reference number:	WEP/05622/25
Service:	Army
Placement Location:	Lavarack Barracks University Drive, Murray, Townsville
Type of Placement/s:	Secondary
Start & End dates:	15 - 19 September 2025
Duration of Placement:	Monday to Friday : 08.00am to 04.00pm
Placement Limits:	20
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Closing Date:	11:30PM AEST, Sunday 17 August 2025

Overview of Placement

The 3rd Battalion, Royal Australian Regiment (3 RAR) is the Armoured Infantry battalion of the Australian Army based at Lavarack Barracks, Townsville. It was first formed in 1945 and is formerly known as the 67th Australian Infantry Battalion. 3 RAR is one of the Australian Army's most heavily deployed units and has deployed on war, peacetime and other operations to a number of countries including (but not limited to) Vietnam, East Timor, Solomon Islands, Iraq and Afghanistan.

Infantry soldiers are trained to engage in military combat on the ground and use weapons and equipment to destroy enemy ground forces. 3 RAR primarily moves into combat zones in protected mobility vehicles or by foot, but can also utilise helicopters and amphibious vessels depending on terrain and mission. Throughout the work experience placement, participants will gain a clear appreciation of what is involved in and what it takes to prepare infantry soldiers and teams for operations.

During this work experience placement, participants will have the opportunity to observe demonstrations of infantry battle drills, see and ride in some of the vehicles and check out some of the equipment infantry soldiers use. Participants will learn about the roles and responsibilities in the different sections at 3 RAR – Rifle Company, Support Company, Vehicle Workshop and Transport areas, Logistics and Administration. Participants will also be able to interact with soldiers and officers who will be available to answer any questions the students may have.

Special Conditions of Placement

1. Placements can be changed, postponed and/or cancelled at short notice due to operational requirements.
2. Interstate participants are responsible for all travel related costs that may occur should the placement be changed, postponed or cancelled.
3. Accommodation is not available on site for students undertaking work experience unless indicated in the Overview of Placement. Participants must make their own accommodation arrangements. Participants under the age of 18 must be supervised outside of work experience hours.
4. Applicants must be aged between 15-18 years of age at the time of the placement.
5. In order to comply with the Workplace Health and Safety Act 2011(Cth), all participants are required to disclose any pre-existing medical conditions, illness or injuries as part of the selection process. Should you suffer an injury or illness (e.g. recent fracture or sprain) between the time of your application and any attendance on a program you are required to notify the Work Experience Manager as soon as possible.
6. By submitting an application, you acknowledge that you have read all items listed in the Special Conditions of Placement.

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 within the Army and what are you doing to achieve these goals? E.g. school subjects, part-time work, Cadets, SES, Scouts, contact with Defence Force Recruiting etc. (**Limit your response to no more than 250 words**)
2. Why do you want to do work experience at 3 RAR and what do you hope to gain from this experience? (**Limit your response to no more than 250 words**)

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 15-18 years of age at the time of the placement.

What Happens Next?

IMPORTANT: 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. When completing an application for the Work Experience placement you will need to use a Multi-Factor Authentication (MFA). This is also required to accept an offer. MFA is an extra layer of security for your account that requires more than just a password to log in, making it much harder for someone else to access your account. The next time you login to your Defence Careers account, you will have to pick one of the following MFA methods to use:
 - Google Authenticator App
 - Alternate email address
3. 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.
4. Following the advertised closing date, an assessment of applications will commence.
5. The regional Work Experience Team will advise you of the outcome of your application.
6. 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)
7. 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 Defence Work Experience Program: defence.workexperienceprogram@defence.gov.au.

Thank you for your interest in the Department of Defence