

# Testimonials

"Without LIFT I don't even think my son would be here today"

**Mother of LIFT Program Attendee**

"In 14 years of being a Juvenile Justice Officer I have NEVER seen a program engage so well and ever achieve 100% attendance from ALL the participants - they could not wait to get in every day"

**A 14 year veteran Juvenile Justice Officer**

"At DALE we are always looking for alternative approaches to engage our students in real-life learning, to build their skills, confidence and self-esteem. The LIFT program has brought all of these together in a fantastic way and has improved school morale"

**Mr Kevin Berger, Principal of D.A.L.E. Christian School**

"Since being in LIFT, I don't need to break the law or fight. The flying makes me look at things differently."

**The first RISK / WALK participant**



## Supporting



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Unique aviation based programs  
teaching 'at risk' youth  
foundational life principles

• Resilience • Risk Management • Decision Making • Confidence



## Introduction

LIFT Youth Development Inc. is a Hunter based charity working with 'at risk' youth and their support networks. We offer tailored and practical aviation based programs that teach risk management and decision making life skills while building self esteem. LIFT collaborates with other youth development organisations to design and implement tailored programs. A key benefit of our unique activities is that both the youth and youth worker are engaged, rapidly forging stronger relationships and more open communication.

LIFT is an acronym for Learning, Inspiration, Friendship and Trust. We believe all youth should have the opportunity to learn and employ key life skills, be inspired to pursue their full potential, understand and experience the incredible benefits of healthy friendships and being considered trustworthy. We are able to quickly and powerfully communicate these LIFT messages using hands-on aviation centred activities.

## The Organisation

LIFT was born from the belief of military pilots that aviation could be used to radically engage 'at risk' youth, inspiring them to positively tackle adversity and achieve their inherent potential.

LIFT started operations in 2007 and in 2009 became LIFT Youth Development Incorporated, with deductible gift recipient (DGR) status from the Australian Tax Office. LIFT is advised by a board of professionals from areas including aviation, accountancy, law, psychology and business compliance.

LIFT is committed to building a professional team, along with a strong and sustainable structure capable of providing a valuable service for many years to come. LIFT is partnering with organisations including Allambi Youth Services, Life Without Barriers, Department of Juvenile Justice and two local schools.

## Tailored Programs

LIFT is committed to using its unique program elements in a targeted format. Factors considered during specific client program development include:

- needs and larger goals of the organisation,
- how the organisation interacts with their youth, and
- needs of each youth attending our program.

From this information we develop and propose a program strategy that provides education through a highly interactive mix of classroom and hands-on flying activities, which is then fine tuned and put into action. All LIFT programs are fully catered and meal preparation forms a part of the day's team based activities. Upon successful completion of a LIFT program, participants are presented with a personalised certificate to highlight their unique and significant achievements while on the program.