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### **Cadet for Regional Express**

Michael Hunter, eldest son of John and Angela, is learning to be a pilot at the Civil Aviation Training Academy down at Mangalore, Vic run by Rex Airlines. Because of the shortage of pilots, Rex set up the training academy and were offering cadetships. Out of 1000 applicants, Michael was 1 of 16 who was successful in gaining a place in the academy. Up until now it has all been theory but the academy has just taken delivery of some brand new Piper Warriors from the U.S which he will start doing his practical on. He will need 180 flying hours before he gains his commercial pilots licence along with passing all his exams. Before Michael started his training, he already had his student's licence. It is an all male class with the ages ranging from 19 to 40 years old. They all eat, sleep and work at the airport. He said he doesn't mind the noise, he likes the sounds of planes, day or night. His dream is to one day fly Jumbo jets.