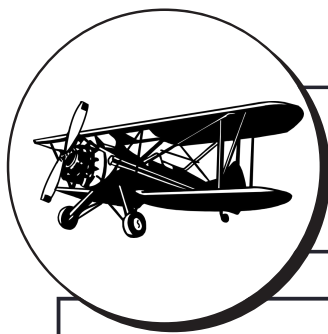




Vickers Vimy Teacher's Guide

The Vickers Vimy aircraft, flown by brothers Sir Keith and Ross Smith in the famous England to Australia air race of 1919-20, is housed in Adelaide Airport. Use this Teacher's Guide to help direct your educational visit to see, learn about and explore the story of the historic aircraft.



Before Visiting

Location

Ground floor of the terminal (opposite the entrance of the Atura Hotel)
Sir Richard Williams Drive, Adelaide Airport.

Opening Hours

6am – 10pm
7 days a week every day of the year.

Cost

Free.

Booking

Booking Request

Submit a [booking request form](#) via our website. After submitting the form, our team will be in contact with you to confirm and or discuss your booking.
<https://adelaideairport.com.au/vickers-vimy/learn/school-visits/>

Getting to the Airport

Adelaide Airport aims to accommodate the needs of all visitors.
Please find out more about transportation options [here](#):
<https://www.adelaideairport.com.au/parking-transport/>

Travel

At the Airport

Break Areas

There is a plaza with some seating, we also have the family dining area past security in the main concourse on level 2.

Other Questions?

For more questions, please take a look at our Frequently Asked Questions located here:
<https://adelaideairport.com.au/vickers-vimy/learn/school-visits/>

During your Visit



There are many things to see and do before, during and after your visit. We recommend familiarizing yourself and your class with the story of the Vimy ahead of time. Look through the suggested, "At the Airport" and follow-up "Where to Next" activities and lesson plans to choose which will best suit your students' learning needs.

The Story

Australian Prime Minister Billy Hughes was flying between England and France for the Paris Peace Conference when he came up with the idea of a Great Air Race across the world to Australia. Soaring high above the English Channel, Hughes quickly realised the potential of aviation to unite the Empire and inspire his young nation after a devastating war. So he offered a £10,000 prize for the first Aussie airmen to fly from London to Darwin in a British-built plane. The catch? They had to land on home soil within 30 days.

The critics called the race a "circus" that would surely end in death. Certainly, the journey was not without risk. Despite technological advances during the war, aircraft of the time were rudimentary, fashioned from wood, wire and fabric with open cockpits and only basic navigation. Along parts of the route, crews would be forced to land on short racetracks and hastily cleared jungle.

Yet as you'll learn below, six Australian crews took up the challenge. And four were led by South Australian men who'd proven their skill and daring on the ground and in the air in WWI. Two crews perished and two others crashed out. Charismatic French pilot Etienne Poulet also took off from Paris, determined to be the first to Australia. Only one aircraft reached the destination in the required 30 days – the Vickers Vimy, flown by South Australia's Ross and Keith Smith.

Focus Questions

Inquire into the story of the Vimy with these questions or with your own.

- What do you know about the beginnings of air travel?
 - What was Australia's involvement in this?
- Have you heard of Australia's Great Air Race?
 - If yes, what do you know?
 - If no, what do you think it might be?
- Do they know the names Ross and Keith Smith? Who were they?
- Why do you think Australia's Great Air Race is still remembered to this day?

At the Airport

Experience the journey

Join Ross Smith and his crew as they tell the tale of the Great Air Race from England to Australia in 1919, with our interactive trail. Using your smartphone or tablet, scan the QR code with your camera at Adelaide Airport to begin the journey. The QR code is located between WHSmith and the taxi collection zone. To find out more visit this link:

<https://www.adelaideairport.com.au/corporate/environment/aviation-heritage/>

Explore the Exhibition

With your class explore the various areas of the exhibition, read about the crew, race and aircraft and take time to look at the plane from every angle.

Draw it

Finding a quiet place, ask your students to sit and draw the Vimy, paying special attention to capturing the mechanical details, lettering and symmetry of the plane. Remember to keep the walkways clear.

Write it

Challenge your students to put themselves in the places of the crew of the Vimy and write a short story, diary entry, or poem about the experience of flying in the plane.

Play it

Can your class explore and name all of the aspects of the plane and the exhibition? Play a game such as eye spy to test their observation and memory skills.

Bring the classroom to the airport

Dive deeper into a curriculum-aligned lesson right in the airport using one of the downloadable lesson plans (see below).

Downloadable Lesson Plans

Take your learning to the next level with one or more of our curriculum aligned education activities designed by teachers for teachers. Lesson plans with accompanying task, questions and worksheets are available for students in years F-9. Find out more on our resources page:

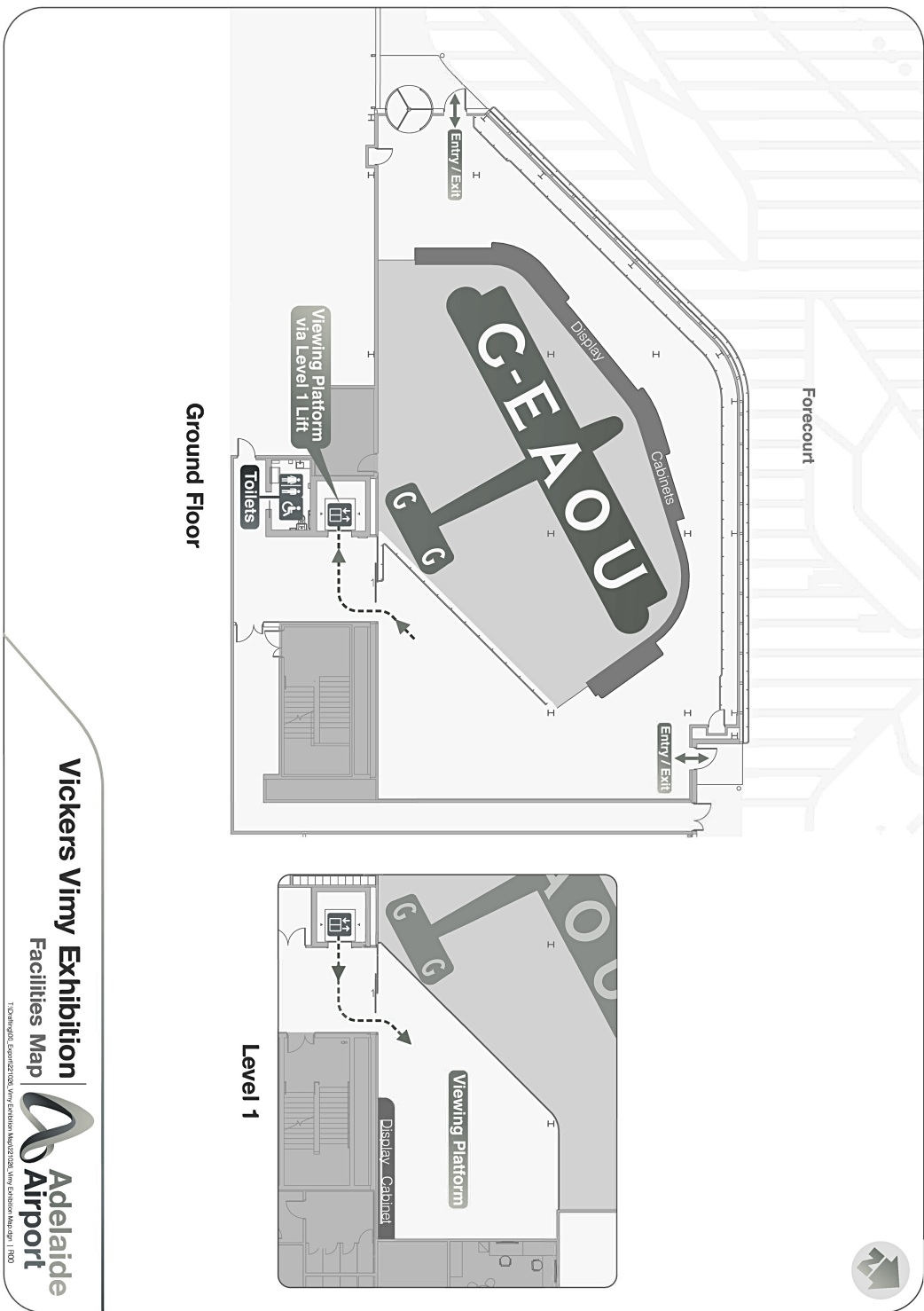
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Vickers Vimy Trail

Continue your exploration of the Epic Flight by visiting more sights with significance to the story. Find out more at the SA History Hub:

<https://sahistoryhub.history.sa.gov.au/tours/centenary-of-epic-flight-trail>

Where
to next?



Vickers Vimy Exhibition
Facilities Map



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