

# Flying start to dream job

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In pilot's seat: Patrician Brothers College Fairfield student Taras Zizius has won a scholarship. Picture: Simon Bennett

PATRICIAN Brothers College Fairfield student Taras Zizius has aimed high — he wants to be a commercial pilot and he's already in the cockpit.

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The Fairfield teenager is a cadet in the Australian Air League City of Fairfield Squadron and is working towards receiving his private pilot's licence.

Six months ago, the year 10 student turned 16, the legal flying age for students, and flew a plane for the first time.

Now he says he doesn't want to keep his feet on the ground.

"The feeling of you controlling the plane is a whole different thing, it's a whole new world," he said.

"You can't express it in words — you have to experience it yourself.

"Air League made my dreams come true."

Each Wednesday Taras trains for two hours, doing drills, learning about how planes operate and helping to teach younger boys about aviation using a flight simulator.

He flies a Piper Warrior out of Camden once a month, and as a nominee for Cadet of the Year he is working hard to improve his skills and knowledge.

He has won a \$1000 flying scholarship that will help pay for training and lessons.

"I feel ecstatic and amazed that I won the scholarship," he said.

"My hard work paid off — the chances of me getting it were very slim."

He hopes to study for an aviation degree at the University of NSW and return to the Camden air activities centre to be an instructor.

"The officers in the Air League are amazing and volunteer their time," he said.

The Air League was established 80 years ago and is operated by volunteers such as Fairfield squadron commanding officer, Charles Majarian.