

AIR FORCE

GROUP CAPTAIN BRETT WILLIAMS, CSM

Officer Commanding Air Academy

Group Captain Brett Williams was born in Stratford, New Zealand and was educated at New Plymouth Boys College in Taranaki. He enlisted in the Royal New Zealand Air Force in 1996 as a Navigator where he served for 11 years prior to transferring to the Royal Australian Air Force as an Air Combat Officer.

Following navigator's course, Group Captain Williams spent the first portion of his career flying the P-3K Orion at RNZAF Base Whenuapai. Subsequent flying tours with New Zealand included time as an instructor at the School of Air Warfare where he was awarded an A Category Instructor rating.

On transfer to the Royal Australian Air Force, Group Captain Williams conducted further flying tours at both 10 and 11 Squadrons flying the AP-3C Orion prior to Commanding No. 92 Wing Detachment in Darwin. Group Captain Williams has conducted multiple operations in the Middle East and South East Asia and has over 5,000 military flying hours.

He has previously served in command and staff appointments as Staff Officer to the Vice Chief of the Defence Force, Air Combat Officer Career Manager, Executive Officer No. 92 Wing, Commanding Officer No. 1 Flying Training School prior to the unit transitioning to Air Mission Training School, Deputy Director Preparedness and Director Strategic Design. In December 2022, he was posted to his current position as the Officer Commanding Air Academy.

Group Captain Williams received an Air Commanders Commendation in 2007 for his work in the School of Air Warfare and a Conspicuous Service Medal in 2014 for meritorious devotion to duty as Commander Joint Task Force 639 Air Component Coordination Element.

He has a Bachelor of Business (Massey University – NZ) from private study and a Masters of Military and Defence Studies (ANU), obtained on posting to Australian Command and Staff College in 2014.

He is married to Carly, who is an early childhood education teacher and has two children; Emily and Sophie. He has a keen interest in rugby, the share market and wine.

