



The Cadets Mess

This month sees the USS Southern Cross gain our first cadets! It gives me great pleasure to welcome James and Thomas to the Cadet's Mess!

Why is it called the Cadet's Mess?

Well, it's an old tradition on Starfleet starships to use old sailing ship terms and the common room that a division used to spend most of their time in was their "Mess". You'd have the Engineering Mess, the Gunners Mess and, of course, the Cadet's Mess. It was where sailors used to stow their gear, eat their meals, read or play cards until it was time for lights out when they would sling their hammocks and sleep there as well!

Of course they had to be very neat - their officer would make regular inspections to make sure everything was clean and tidy. It was a very important job being in charge of the Mess.

So the next time that Mum looks into your room and says, "Who's responsible for this Mess?" You'll know that she is actually wanting to know who is the Officer of the Mess.

So, always be proud of your Mess and keep it tidy! Then you'll have a tidy Mess!

by Lt Kirok of L'Stok, Cadet Liasson Officer

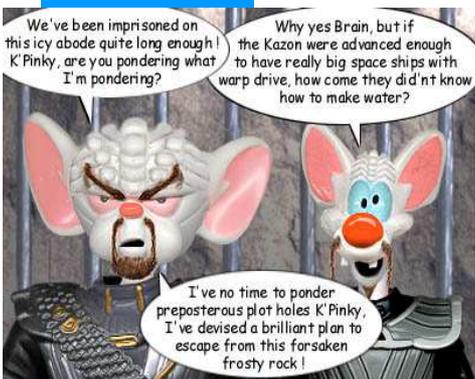


This little beauty by John V Schmidt of Twisted Head Swap Theater is an example of satire done right - short, sharp, fast moving and witty! It even has an "A" list of guest stars doing cameos - I haven't seen Boris and Natasha in years! I'm not sure how he has made it, he's photoshopped action figures for some of it, but I think there is a fair amount of original artwork in there as well.

Follow the link to read the rest of the adventures and remember kids: never let your Klingon mutant mice loose at the cutlery!

<http://www.hotink.com/HST/kp01.html>

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SPACE CAMP!

You might have heard about the special "[Space Camps](#)" run in the United States in Huntsville, Alabama - guys, they sound so cool even I want to go on one! America is such a long way from us though ... it'd be great if we had something like that, in Australia! I mean they have Space Camps in [Canada](#), [Belgium](#), [Japan](#) and even [Turkey](#)!

Well, we do! These are the major opportunities open to Australians. Checkout [Richard Matthew's website](#) for a personal account.

[The South Australian Space School \(SASS\)](#)

Founded in 1997, it has been running successful three day residential schools for year 10 students. Now with funding from the Sir Ross and Sir Keith Smith Fund they have been able to sponsor SA students to attend AISS (see below) and International Space Camp in Alabama!

[The NSW School of Space Science \(NSWSSS\)](#)

Run at the University of Newcastle in the January school holidays, it is open to students entering Year 10 or Year 11 that year. The three day schools cover everything from Astronomy & Astrophotography to studying actual meteorites and talking to NASA astronauts.

[Centre for Australian Space Education \(CASE\)](#)

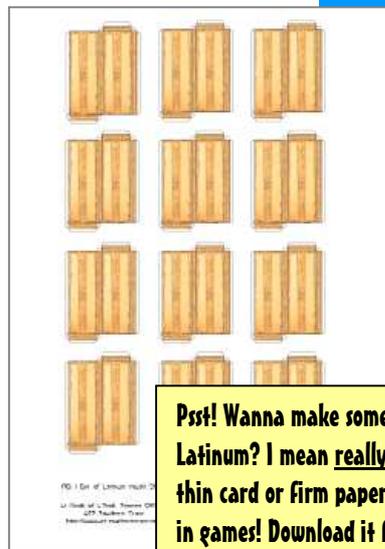
Formed in 1992 to provide financial support for Space Science Programs by the same team who founded the AISSS. Their aims are to provide the necessary organisation to promote science & technology in Australian education, to motivate children at an early age with the concept that 'science can be fun', to provide every student with the opportunity to participate in the exciting world of space science

[Australian International Space School \(AISS\)](#)

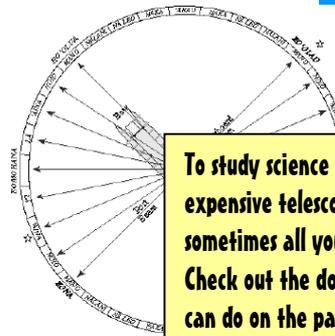
Established in 1992 as the first Space education program in Australia. A 5 day residential Space Science School for students aged sixteen and seventeen who have demonstrated a keen interest and aptitude for Space Science related subjects, held annually in different States throughout Australia.

[Young Astronauts Australia Engineering School \(YAAES\)](#)

Ten teams of 4 year 10 and 11 students from each Australian State and Territory to go to a Space camp in America! They receive NASA Distant Learning Modules prior to departing for a week long stay at the NASA Johnson Space Center, Houston. On completion they receive a certificate and insight into future job opportunities that are available within NASA.



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