

Teenflight Campbell River is a unique School District 72 Work Experience Program that has 18 students preparing to build a Van's Aircraft RV-12 airplane.



The Van's Aviation RV-12 airplane

Before construction of the plane begins all students will be completing ground school so that they have a strong knowledge of flight. Matt DiTommaso is a pilot for Seymour Pacific as well as a certified ground school instructor and is currently working with the Teenflight students Mondays and Thursdays after school. Ground school must be completed before a student is able to help with the plane's construction.

Bill Alder, of Sealand Aviation in Campbell River, is the key catalyst to get this program off the ground. He has requested and received donations from the Campbell River aviation community of both money and expertise. Enough money has been raised so far to order the empennage (tail section) kit so the Teenflight students can begin construction. With the help of Helifor, this section is being picked up and delivered to the Campbell River airport within the next week.

Teenflight Campbell River is allowing a group of young people a very unique opportunity to learn about all aspects of the aviation field, from the ground up. Their next step is to work with community mentors to begin building a plane that, upon completion, will be a functioning aircraft. Teenflight Campbell River is an open program to youth aged 15 and older. If you are interested in being a part of the team contact Diana Camerin at Timberline Secondary School (250-923-9500 ext 2523).

School District 72 would like to thank Bill Alder for his leadership creating an exceptional opportunity for Campbell River youth. We would also like to thank our sponsors Dr. Grant Neilson, Mr. Bill Alder, Sealand Aviation, Helifor, E&B Helicopters and Vancouver Island Air.