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## Australia's SOAR Aviation boost training fleet with TECNAM

Tecnam announced today the sale of eight P2008 light sport aircraft training aircraft to SOAR Aviation of Melbourne, Australia.

Founded six years ago by Neel Khokhani when he was just 22 SOAR Aviation is now the Australia's largest private flying school with with over 500 students studying towards their Diploma of Aviation Commercial pilots license, under a partnership agreement with Boxhill Institute.

The Tecnam P2008 is the first new single engine, high wing, two-seat aircraft from Tecnam that brings together an advanced technology all carbon fibre fuselage with a metal wing and stabilator.

With its spacious cabin, comfortable seats, 120 litres of fuel and advanced cockpit ergonomics, the Tecnam P2008 is well equipped for advanced flight training in Australia's harsh environment where temperatures can range from freezing one week to 45 degrees Celsius the next.

Joining an existing fleet of 48 Rotax powered training aircraft, the eight Tecnam P2008 will be equipped with twin Garmin G3X EFIS and EMS to prepare students to step up into SOAR Aviation's complex, Garmin glass, Tecnam P2006T multi-engine IFR trainer.

**Neel Khokhani, SOAR Aviation**, said: *"After evaluating our developing training needs, the sophisticated Tecnam P2008 equipped with Garmin G3X was a natural step to prepare our students for advanced commercial licence training."*

**Walter Da Costa, Tecnam Global Sales and Marketing Director** says: *"We are delighted to partner SOAR Aviation and to be part of SOAR's future as they deliver exceptional flight training standards."*

**Bruce Stark, Tecnam Australia Sales and Marketing Director** says: *"We look forward to providing service and support to SOAR in Australia through TECNAM PTY LTD."*

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## About TECNAM; “Quality Aircraft since 1948”

TECNAM's roots go all the way back to the Italian brothers Luigi and Giovanni Pascale who began to develop and produce innovative aircraft soon after the end of WWII. Since those early beginnings, the family has continued to create original models, first gaining worldwide recognition under the name Partenavia, which translates as "Naples Aviation".

Costruzioni Aeronautiche TECNAM was established in March 1986 and now operates in three production facilities. The Casoria facility is located adjacent to Naples' Capodichino Airport while the main factory is next to the “Oreste Salomone” Airport in Capua. Recently a new facility was established in Sebring, Florida, USA and in Australia to serve and support the needs of Tecnam's local owners and operators.

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## About SOAR Aviation

Soar Aviation is a global pilot training and resourcing company, specialising in end-to-end service and producing extraordinary pilots. A pioneer in the region, Soar Aviation provide a wide range of aviation services from trainee pilot selection, training and airline placement, to the more advanced selection, training and provisioning requirements for experienced pilots, instructors and examiners.

Soar Aviation works with students from a wide range of backgrounds, all with a commitment to excellence, providing full-time and part-time commercial pilot career programs for both individual and airline customers.

Over the past five years, Soar has built up to a team of over 100 employees, including over 67 instructors and a cutting-edge, modern fleet of more than forty-eight planes. Soar's commitment to innovation, efficiency and excellence has led to rapid expansion as Australia's fastest growing flight school, with training centres at Moorabbin Airport, Melbourne and Bankstown Airport, Sydney & Bendigo Airport.

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