

Commander Australian Defence College

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Air Vice-Marshal (AVM) Stephen Edgeley joined the RAAF in 1987 and graduated from Air Traffic Control Course in 1989. He has had operational postings to RAAF Base Williamtown and Townsville for ATC duties, as well as the School of Air Traffic Control in East Sale for instructional duties.

AVM Edgeley has also been employed at the Australian Defence Force Warfare Centre as a joint planning instructor, Air Force Headquarters as the Deputy Director for Operations, the Deputy Director for Surveillance, Response and Maritime Attack and the Staff Officer to the Chief of Air Force. He has served at the Air Operations Centre as the Chief of Strategy and Plans, and finally back to Air Force Headquarters as the Director of Aviation Coordination and Operations. AVM Edgeley was Officer Commanding 44WG from 2012 to 2015, and was employed as the Chief of Staff to the Vice Chief of Defence Force in 2016. AVM Edgeley joined the Senior Leadership Group at the end of 2016 and served as Director General – Strategy and Planning Air Force and Director General - Pacific and Timor-Leste. He also became a Member of the Order of Australia in 2016 for exceptional service in the field of Joint Battlefield Airspace Control for the Australian Defence Force.

AVM Edgeley has served on operations in Mogadishu Somalia, as part of UNOSOM II, Timor-Leste within INTERFET headquarters for Operation WARDEN, and in Iraq, as part of Operation FALCONER, where he was the first Operations Flight Commander at Baghdad International Airport.

AVM Edgeley is a graduate of the Joint Command and Staff College in the United Kingdom, and the USAF School of Advanced Air and Space Studies (SAASS) and holds two masters degrees. AVM Edgeley is currently a PhD candidate with the University of New South Wales, as part of the RAAF and Williams Foundation Air Power Scholar program.

AVM Edgeley became Commander Australian Defence College in Dec 2021. He is married to Pippa and has three children Indyanna, Connor and Lilly-May.