

**Aviation Safety Investigation Report
198701434**

Piper PA28-161

21 April 1987

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This accident was not subject to an on scene investigation.

Occurrence Number: 198701434

Occurrence Type: Accident

Location: Moorabbin VIC

Date: 21 April 1987

Time: 1345

Highest Injury Level: Nil

Injuries:

	Fatal	Serious	Minor	None
Crew	0	0	1	1
Ground	0	0	0	-
Passenger	0	0	0	0
Total	0	0	0	1

Aircraft Details: Piper PA28-161

Registration: VH-TRV

Serial Number:

Operation Type: Aerial Work (Solo Training)

Damage Level: Substantial

Departure Point: Moorabbin VIC

Departure Time: 1345

Destination: Moorabbin VIC

Approved for Release: July 8th 1987

Circumstances:

The pilot was carrying out a session of solo circuits. The aircraft was rounded out high and subsequently landed heavily causing damage to the nosegear. The student had not made any attempt to recover from the high landing flare. It was possible that he was distracted by an aircraft which was taking off while he was on final approach, to the detriment of his normal performance.