

**Aviation Safety Investigation Report
199703606**

**Cessna Aircraft Company
Skyhawk**

27 October 1997

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Occurrence Number: 199703606 **Occurrence Type:** Accident
Location: Maitland, (ALA)
State: NSW **Inv Category:** 4
Date: Monday 27 October 1997
Time: 1200 hours **Time Zone** ESuT
Highest Injury Level: None

Aircraft Manufacturer: Cessna Aircraft Company
Aircraft Model: 172P
Aircraft Registration: VH-RNL **Serial Number:** 17276511
Type of Operation: Instructional Solo
Damage to Aircraft: Substantial
Departure Point: Maitland NSW
Departure Time: 1145 ESuT
Destination: Maitland NSW

Crew Details:

Role	Class of Licence	Hours on Type	Hours Total
Pilot-In-Command	Student	9.0	68

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The student pilot was conducting solo crosswind circuits in a Cessna 172, on runway 23 at Maitland NSW. During a landing sequence, the aircraft touched down heavily and bounced.

The student then used an inappropriate recovery technique that resulted in a second heavy touchdown on the nosewheel. The propeller, cabin floor and firewall suffered damage as a result of the impact.

