

## DEFENCE

### **Military cadet pleads not guilty to filming female in shower at Defence Academy**



International Australian Defence Force Academy (ADFA) cadet Obaid Fayyaz, who is charged with committing an act of indecency after he allegedly used a hidden camera to film a female cadet while she was showering. Picture: Kym Smith

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A **MILITARY** cadet has pleaded not guilty to secretly filming a female cadet in the shower at the Australian Defence Force Academy in Canberra.

Pakistan national Obaid Fayyaz, 21, briefly appeared in the ACT Magistrates Court on Friday to enter a plea of not guilty to committing an act of indecency in the presence of the victim without consent.

ACT police were called to the academy on August 25 when a female cadet, 21, allegedly discovered a hidden mobile phone in a vent above her shower.

A mobile phone, laptop and USB memory stick were seized before Fayyaz was arrested and taken to the ACT watchhouse and charged last month.

Fayyaz was released on bail on condition he surrender his passport and not contact the female cadet.

He is due to face court again on November 17.

He is the third cadet charged this year in relation to using electronic devices to record female cadets at the academy without their knowledge.

Two cadets are accused of setting up a webcam to film a female cadet having sex with one of them, as others watched on in another room, in the so-called Skype scandal.

The earlier case prompted a number of reviews into misconduct and the treatment of women in the defence organisation.

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