KINGS OF HONG KONG
Virgin Australia to codeshare with Virgin Atlantic.

From early 2012, V Australia will code on Virgin Atlantic’s Sydney-Hong Kong daily service, with eligible guests receiving frequent flyer program benefits and lounge access, including entry to Virgin Atlantic’s luxurious Hong Kong Clubhouse.

“Hong Kong is a very important market for Australia given it is an international business hub, a popular leisure destination and has a large Australian expatriate community,” says Virgin Australia CEO John Borghetti.

YOUNG AND DRIVEN
Virgin Australia flies Mick Young scholarship recipients to Canberra for a special event honouring Young’s legacy.

Parliament House recently played host to 26 Mick Young scholarship recipients and TAFE support staff. Federal ministers and MPs met the students and heard first-hand how the Mick Young Scholarship Trust had changed their personal circumstances, making education more accessible.

Set up in memory of the late federal MP Mick Young, the Mick Young Scholarship Trust (MYST) provides support for financially disadvantaged students in their pursuit of an education. Virgin Australia flew the scholarship recipients from around Australia to attend the inaugural Mick Young’s Legacy Comes to Canberra event. Deputy Prime Minister and Treasurer, Wayne Swan, spoke of his time working for Mick Young during the 1980s, while Virgin Australia CEO John Borghetti welcomed guests and celebrated the impressive achievements of each MYST scholarship recipient.

Students and TAFE staff enjoyed a private tour of Parliament House and were invited into the House of Representatives Chamber to hear the New Zealand Prime Minister John Key give his keynote address to Parliament.

MYST recipient and mother of seven, Christina Ngawhika, best summed up the feelings of those attending: “MYST continues to be a form of hope and inspiration for Australians wanting a better life through education.”