



NSW RURAL FIRE SERVICE



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Kirrawee High School cadet firefighters celebrate graduation

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Eleven students from Kirrawee High School were today congratulated by Member for Cronulla Mark Speakman and NSW RFS Acting Regional Manager Chief Superintendent Jayson McKellar for their successful completion of the NSW Rural Fire Service (NSW RFS) Secondary School Cadet Program.

Mr Speakman said the program is the ideal way to introduce young people to the important role volunteer fire fighters play within communities.

"The cadets have completed a course that ran over eight weeks that has given them skills which will last a lifetime," Mr Speakman said.

"As well as examining fire behaviour, the students have been taught essential fire safety techniques and gained an appreciation of the work our emergency services do every day in this State.

Superintendent McKellar said the program also offers students the opportunity to experience firsthand the commitment and camaraderie that comes with volunteering.

"This is the fourth time Kirrawee High School has offered the NSW RFS Secondary School Cadet Program to its students," Superintendent McKellar said.

"It's great to see genuine enthusiasm for this important community based program.

"In addition to our NSW RFS members, I would also like to extend a special thanks to the Principal and staff from Kirrawee High School, for helping to make this program such a success."

Superintendent McKellar also paid tribute to the staff and volunteers from the Sutherland Shire District that facilitated the course.

"NSW RFS members thoroughly enjoy working closely with schools and communities to ensure that everyone is as well prepared as possible for the very real threat of fire. Firefighters cannot do it alone.

"The Service is proud to pass on the ideals of community service, dedication and teamwork to the next generation."