## **MEDIA RELEASE**

## Blue Mountains Grammar School celebrates cadet firefighter graduations

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Four students from the Blue Mountains Grammar School have been congratulated by NSW Rural Fire Service (NSW RFS) Superintendent David Jones for their successful completion of the NSW RFS Secondary School Cadet Program.

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

"These cadets have completed a 10-week course that has given them skills which will last a lifetime," Superintendent Jones 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.

"The cadet program also offers students the opportunity to experience firsthand the commitment and camaraderie that comes with volunteering."

Superintendent Jones thanked Blue Mountains Grammar High School for offering its students an opportunity to participate in the NSW RFS Secondary School Cadet Program.

"In addition to our NSW RFS members, I would also like to extend a special thanks to the principal and staff for helping to make this program such a success," Superintendent Jones said.

Superintendent Jones also paid tribute to the Blue Mountains District volunteers and staff who 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," Superintendent Jones said.

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