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Manning Valley Homeschoolers celebrate cadet graduation

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Thirteen students from the Manning Valley Homeschoolers network were congratulated yesterday for their successful completion of the NSW Rural Fire Service (NSW RFS) Secondary School Cadet Program.

Member for Myall Lakes Stephen Bromhead said the program is the ideal way to introduce young people to the important role volunteer firefighters play within communities.

"These cadets have completed a four day course that has given them valuable skills, which will last a lifetime," Mr Bromhead 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 across the state.

"The cadet program also offers students the opportunity to experience first-hand, the commitment and camaraderie that comes with volunteering."

NSW RFS District Manager Superintendent Kam Baker said the program, open to homeschooled students aged 12 to 16, was a state-first for cadets and ran for four days this week.

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

"In addition to our NSW RFS members, I would also like to extend a special thanks to those in the homeschool network, including the cadets families, for helping to make this program such a success."

Superintendent Baker also paid tribute to the volunteers and staff from the Mid Coast District 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 Baker said.

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



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