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Cadet firefighters from Northholm Grammar School celebrate graduation

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Seventeen students from Northholm Grammar School in Arcadia have been congratulated by Member for Hornsby Matt Kean MP and NSW Rural Fire Service District Manager Superintendent Mark Sugden for their successful participation in the NSW RFS Secondary School Cadet Program.

Mr Kean said the program is the ideal way to introduce young people to the important role volunteer firefighters play within communities.

"The cadets have completed a 10 week course that has provided them with skills and knowledge which will last a lifetime," Mr Kean 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.

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

"It's great to see genuine enthusiasm for this important community based program and I hope it will be part of the curriculum for many years to come," Superintendent Sugden said.

"In addition to our NSW RFS members, I would also like to extend a special thanks to the Principal and staff from Northholm Grammar School."

Superintendent Sugden also paid tribute to the volunteers and staff from the Hornsby/Ku-Ring-Gai 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," Superintendent Sugden said.

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