



NSW RURAL FIRE SERVICE



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Clarence Valley Anglican School cadet firefighters celebrate graduation

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Sixteen students from Clarence Valley Anglican School (CVAS) have been congratulated by the NSW Rural Fire Service (NSW RFS) Clarence Valley District for their successful completion of the NSW RFS Secondary School Cadet Program.

NSW RFS Clarence Valley District cadet coordinator Ian Smith 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 10 weeks that has given them skills which will last a lifetime," Mr Smith 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."

Mr Smith said this was the sixth time Young High School had offered the NSW RFS Secondary School Cadet Program to its students.

"It's great to see genuine enthusiasm for this important community based program and I hope it will continue as part of the curriculum in future years," Mr Smith said.

Mr Smith thanked CVAS Principal Martin Oates and his staff, as well as local NSW RFS members, for helping to make the program such a success.

"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," Mr Smith said.

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