



## Jindabyne Central School Rural Fire Service Cadets graduate

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Twenty one year ten students from Jindabyne Central School have had their dedication and hard work recognised as they graduate from the NSW Rural fire Service (NSW RFS) Secondary School Cadet Program.

The students were presented with their certificates today after successfully completing the Program earlier this month.

NSW RFS Monaro Team Manager, Superintendent Jim Darrant congratulated the students, saying that their efforts made them a credit to their school and the local community.

"These young people will take away with them valuable lessons about fire safety, standing them in good stead for the future. They have also demonstrated great commitment and team work throughout the Program," Superintendent Darrant said.

"This is the third time that students from Jindabyne Central School have participated in the NSW RFS Secondary School Cadet Program and it is extremely rewarding to see the Program's success continuing with so many enthusiastic cadets graduating".

"Jindabyne Central School is a great example of a school embracing the Cadet Program through educating students about fire safety and the importance of being community minded."

Superintendent Darrant paid tribute to the local RFS volunteers who have shared their skills and knowledge with the students.

"I would particularly like to acknowledge our Volunteer Cadet Coordinator Vern Dunning who has been training cadets since 2009. Vern has played a pivotal role in delivering the Program since it was introduced in the Monaro region and has mentored almost 140 young people. This level of commitment is truly admirable.

"I would also like to extend a special thanks to the principal, teachers and staff from Jindabyne Central School for continuing to make the Program a success".

Superintendent Darrant said more than 3,000 students across the state had successfully completed the NSW RFS Secondary Schools Cadet Program since its launch six years ago.

"Through the Cadet Program, these students have been given an insight into the NSW RFS ideals of community service, dedication and team work along with the rewards of volunteering.

"The Service is proud to pass on these traditions to the next generation through the Secondary School Cadet Program and I'm pleased to hear many of these graduates intend to build on their new skills by joining their local NSW RFS brigade."