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NSW RURAL FIRE SERVICE

Eight cadets from the Northern Rivers graduate with flying colours

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Flooding has not got in the way of eight cadets from Woodenbong Central School graduating from the NSW Rural Fire Service (NSW RFS) Secondary Schools Cadet Program.

A collection of dedicated year nine and ten students have had their hard work recognised at a graduation ceremony held in their honour today.

NSW RFS Region North Manager, Chief Superintendent Brett Condie congratulated the students, describing them as an inspiration to other students at the school as well as their local community.

"These young people have not only learnt valuable lessons about fire safety by completing the program, they have also shown great commitment, leadership skills and team work," Chief Superintendent Condie said.

"This is the first time that students from have Woodenbong Central School have participated in the RFS' Secondary School Cadet Program, and it is extremely rewarding to see these students show such enthusiasm for the course.

"Woodenbong Central School have been great supporters of our Cadet Program and deserve credit for encouraging their students learn about fire safety and eventually become volunteers within their own communities."

NSW RFS Chief Superintendent Condie paid tribute to the Northern Rivers RFS brigades, volunteers and staff who so enthusiastically support the Cadet Program, giving their time to share their skills and knowledge with the students.

"In addition to our dedicated volunteers and staff, I would also like to extend a special thanks to the principal, teachers and staff from Woodenbong Central School for helping make the Program such a success".

Chief Superintendent Condie 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.

"The Service is proud to pass on the ideals of community service, dedication and teamwork to the next generation through the Secondary School Cadet Program. I'm also particularly pleased to hear that many of these graduates intend to build on their new skills by joining their local NSW RFS brigade."

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