



## Cowra High School Rural Fire Service Cadets graduate

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Eleven students from Cowra High School have been presented with graduation certificates today after successfully completing the NSW Rural Fire Service (NSW RFS) Secondary Schools Cadet Program.

Region West Community Safety Manager Simon Curry congratulated the students, describing them as exceptional representatives of their school and their local community.

Mr Curry presented the students with their graduation certificates during a ceremony at Cowra High School.

“These young people have not only shown great commitment and team work during the program but they have also learnt valuable lessons about fire safety.

“It is pleasing to see that in its fourth year the program was once again popular at Cowra High School and I am sure we will see the program succeed into the future.

“I would also like to extend a special thanks to the local NSW RFS staff and volunteers, many who gave up their personal time to share their skills and knowledge with these students”.

Mr Curry 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.

“These 11 students have been given an insight into the NSW RFS ideals of community service and have successfully learnt skills such as basic firefighting, fire safety, the roles of emergency services as well as gaining confidence working as a team.”

“It is pleasing to hear that many of those graduating here today intend to join their local Rural Fire brigades and continue to build on the skills they have learnt over the past ten weeks”, Mr Curry said.

**For further information or to obtain photographs from the graduation, please contact Supt. David Jones on (02) 6363 6666.**