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Parkes High School cadets graduate at Headquarters ceremony

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Fifteen students from Parkes High School have been congratulated by NSW Rural Fire Service (NSWRFS) Deputy Commissioner Rob Rogers for their successful participation in the NSW RFS Secondary School Cadet Program.

At a special ceremony held while the students were visiting the NSW RFS headquarters in Lidcombe, Deputy Commissioner Rogers 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," Deputy Commissioner Rogers 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.

Deputy Commissioner Rogers 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," Deputy Commissioner Rogers said.

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

Deputy Commissioner Rogers also paid tribute to the volunteers and staff from the Mid Lachlan Valley Team 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," Deputy Commissioner Rogers said.

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