



NSW RURAL FIRE SERVICE

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Tuggerah Lakes Secondary College cadets celebrate graduation

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Nineteen students from Tuggerah Lakes Secondary College were congratulated yesterday for their successful completion of the NSW Rural Fire Service (NSW RFS) Secondary School Cadet Program.

NSW RFS District Manager Superintendent Paul Jones said the program is the ideal way to introduce young people to the important role volunteer firefighters play within communities.

"These cadets have completed a nine week course that has given them skills which will last a lifetime," Superintendent Jones 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."

Superintendent Jones said Tuggerah Lakes Secondary College has run this program for several years.

"It's great to see genuine enthusiasm for this important community based program," Superintendent Jones said.

"In addition to our NSW RFS members, I would also like to extend a special thanks to the Principal, teachers and staff from Tuggerah Lakes Secondary College for helping to make this program such a success."

Superintendent Jones also paid tribute to the volunteers and staff from the Central Coast District who 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. Firefighters cannot do it alone," Superintendent Jones said.

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



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