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NSW RURAL FIRE SERVICE

## Six cadets from the Inverell High graduate with flying colours

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Six cadets from Inverell High School have been put to the test graduating from the NSW Rural Fire Service (NSW RFS) Secondary Schools Cadet Program.

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

NSW RFS District Manager, Superintendent Chris Wallbridge 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," Superintendent Wallbridge said.

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

"Inverell High School from the start have been great supporters of the Cadet Program and deserve credit for encouraging their students learn about fire safety and eventually become volunteers within their own communities."

NSW RFS Superintendent Wallbridge paid tribute to the Northern Tablelands RFS brigades, volunteers and staff who so enthusiastically support the Cadet Program, giving their time to share their skills and experiences 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 Inverell High School for helping make the Program such a success".

Chief Superintendent Condie said more than 3,900 students across the state had successfully completed the NSW RFS Secondary Schools Cadet Program since its launch seven 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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