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Port Hacking High School cadet firefighters celebrate graduation

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Fifteen students from Port Hacking High School were congratulated this week by NSW Rural Fire Service (NSW RFS) Sutherland District Manager Superintendent Andrew Pinfeld for their successful completion of the NSW RFS Secondary School Cadet Program.

Superintendent Pinfeld said the program is the ideal way to introduce young people to the important role volunteer firefighters play within communities.

"The cadets have completed an eight week course that has provided them with skills and knowledge which will last a lifetime," Superintendent Pinfeld 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.

"The cadet program also offers students the opportunity to experience firsthand the commitment and camaraderie that comes with volunteering."

Superintendent Pinfeld said this is the fifth time Port Hacking High School has offered the NSW RFS Secondary School Cadet Program to its students.

"It's great to see genuine enthusiasm for this important community based program and I hope it will continue to be part of the curriculum for many years to come," Superintendent Pinfeld said.

"In addition to our NSW RFS members, I would also like to extend a special thanks to the principal and staff from Port Hacking High School for helping to make this program such a success."

Superintendent Pinfeld also paid tribute to the 10 volunteers and staff from the Sutherland District 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," Superintendent Pinfeld said.

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

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