



**NSW RURAL FIRE SERVICE**



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## **Bombala High School cadet firefighters celebrate graduation**

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Twenty-four students from Bombala High School have been congratulated by NSW Rural Fire Service (NSW RFS) Monaro District Manager Superintendent Jim Darrant for their successful completion of the NSW RFS Secondary School Cadet Program.

Mr Darrant 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," Mr Darrant 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 for their community."

Mr Darrant said this is the ninth time Bombala 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," Mr Darrant said.

"I would like to extend a special thanks our NSW RFS members, Group Officer John Reed and Deputy Captain Peter Heward, for delivering the cadets program and to the principal and staff from Bombala High School who helped to make this program such a success."

"NSW RFS members thoroughly enjoy working closely with the schools on the Monaro and their communities to ensure that everyone is as well prepared as possible for the very real threat of fire," Mr Darrant said.

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