



NSW RURAL FIRE SERVICE

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Celebration for graduating Kirrawee High School cadet firefighters

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Fourteen students from Kirrawee High School have today been congratulated for their successful completion of the NSW Rural Fire Service (NSW RFS) Secondary School Cadet Program.

Member for Cronulla Mark Speakman and NSW RFS Executive Director Membership and Strategic Services Bronwyn Jones PSM praised the students who completed the program, noting it is the ideal way to introduce young people to the important role volunteer fire fighters play within communities.

"These cadets have completed an eight week course that has given them skills which will last a lifetime," Mr Speakman 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."

Ms Jones said this is the fifth year that Kirrawee 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," Ms 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 Kirrawee High School for helping to make this program such a success."

Ms Jones also paid tribute to the volunteers and staff from the Sutherland 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," Ms 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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