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St Paul's Cadet Rural Fire brigade celebrates twenty years

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Past and present cadet members of St Paul's Cadet Rural Fire Brigade celebrated their twenty year anniversary at a ceremony held tonight.

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

"These cadets have worked towards a bush firefighter qualification which has given them skills which will last a lifetime," Ms Davies 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 offered by St Paul's Grammar School also affords students the opportunity to build their confidence and experience firsthand the commitment and camaraderie that comes with volunteering."

Ms Jones acknowledged Anthony Head who founded the cadet program at St Pauls Grammar School in 1998.

"Anthony played an integral part in establishing the first standalone cadet brigade in NSW which offers students with a unique alternate physical education activity," Ms Jones said.

"Today, more than twenty students join the brigade each year which is a testament to the commitment of the staff to deliver the program."

Ms Jones also paid tribute to the volunteers and staff from the Cumberland Zone who assist in facilitating the course.

"In addition to our NSW RFS members, I would also like to extend a special thanks to the Principal, teachers and staff from St Paul's Grammar School for helping to make this program such a success."

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



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