



**NSW RURAL FIRE SERVICE**



# **MEDIA RELEASE**

## **Coffs Harbour Community Christian School cadet firefighters celebrate graduation**

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Eleven students from Coffs Harbour Community Christian School have been congratulated by NSW Rural Fire Service (NSW RFS) Executive Director Membership and Strategic Services, Ms Bronwyn Jones PSM for their successful participation in the NSW RFS Secondary School Cadet Program.

Ms Jones 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 three-day course that has provided them with skills and knowledge which will last a lifetime," Ms Jones 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.

Ms Jones said the cadet program also offers students the opportunity to experience firsthand the commitment and camaraderie that comes with volunteering.

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

"In addition to our NSW RFS members, I would also like to extend a special thanks to the Principal and staff from Coffs Harbour Community Christian School."

Ms Jones also paid tribute to the volunteers and staff from the Mid North Coast Team 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," Ms Jones said.

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