



NSW RURAL FIRE SERVICE

# MEDIA RELEASE

## Graduating St Columba's Catholic College cadets honoured

8 August 2019

Sixteen students from St Columba's Catholic College will today be congratulated for their successful completion of the NSW Rural Fire Service (NSW RFS) Secondary School Cadet Program, at a special ceremony held at St Columba's Catholic College.

NSW RFS Acting District Manager Inspector Rob Vinzenz will praise 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 a ten-week course that has given them skills which will last a lifetime," Inspector Vinzenz said.

"As well as examining fire behaviour, the participants 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."

Inspector Vinzenz said this is the sixth year that St Columba's Catholic College 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 would also like to extend a special thanks to the Principal, teachers and staff from St Columba's Catholic College for helping to make this program such a success," Inspector Vinzenz said.

Inspector Vinzenz will also pay tribute to the volunteers and staff from the Blue Mountains 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. Fire fighters cannot do it alone," Inspector Vinzenz said.

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

**For more information contact the State Duty Media Officer on 9898 1855**  
**For current incidents or major fire updates visit [www.rfs.nsw.gov.au](http://www.rfs.nsw.gov.au)**