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Bush Firefighting cadets graduate in the Mid Coast District

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Some of the bush fire fighters of tomorrow have graduated in the NSW Mid Coast area, after completing the challenging Secondary School Cadet Program run by the Rural Fire Service (RFS).

RFS Superintendent Martin Siemsen congratulated 14 students from Bulahdelah High School who celebrated their graduation today.

“As well as examining fire behaviour, the participants have learned essential fire safety techniques and gained an appreciation of the work emergency services do every day across the state,” Superintendent Siemsen said.

“The course also teaches young people about the important contribution volunteer firefighters make to the local community, provides them with firefighting skills and knowledge, and instils values such as teamwork, leadership and confidence.

“After completing this course, we encourage the students to take the next step and join their local brigade and complete their training to become bush firefighters.”

Superintendent Siemsen said the course is delivered by local RFS volunteers, in this case from the Mid Coast District.

“Communities throughout NSW rely on our RFS volunteers to guide and protect them and their property, and this important program is one way we continue to look to bolster our firefighting capability,” he said.

“We have been delivering this course for a couple of decades now, with thousands of students having graduated.

“It is fantastic to see such enthusiasm for this program and I would like to thank the schools which have supported it.”