



**NSW RURAL FIRE SERVICE**

# **MEDIA RELEASE**

## **Celebration for St Patrick's Parish School graduating cadets**

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Eighteen students from St Patrick's Parish School in Cooma today celebrated their successful completion of the NSW Rural Fire Service (NSW RFS) Secondary Schools Cadet Program.

NSW RFS District Manager Jim Darrant was joined by Snowy Monaro Regional Council Mayor John Rooney and General Manager Peter Bascomb to congratulate the graduating students for their dedication and enthusiasm throughout the five day course.

"As well as examining fire behaviour, the participants have learned essential fire safety techniques and gained an appreciation of the work that emergency services do every day across the state," Mr Darrant said.

"The course teaches young people about the important contribution firefighters make to the local community, provides them with firefighting skills and fire behaviour knowledge and instills values such as teamwork, leadership and confidence."

Mr Darrant thanked St Patrick's Parish School for offering the NSW RFS Secondary Schools Cadet Program to its students for the seventh time.

"It is fantastic to see such genuine enthusiasm for this program and I would like to thank school Principal Frances Robertson for their support," Mr Darrant said.

"I would also like to thank the Monaro District volunteer firefighters, Vern Dunning and Regina Roach, who delivered the program to the students.

"NSW RFS members enjoy working with schools and communities to ensure that everyone is as well prepared as possible for the very real threat of fire and the Service is proud to pass on the ideals of community service, dedication and teamwork to the young members of our community."