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NSW RURAL FIRE SERVICE

## Covenant Christian School cadet firefighters celebrate graduation

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Today twenty students from Covenant Christian School are being congratulated on their successful completion of the NSW Rural Fire Service (NSW RFS) Secondary School Cadet Program.

NSW RFS Commissioner Shane Fitzsimmons said that the program was the ideal way to introduce young people to the important role volunteer firefighters play within communities.

"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.

"These cadets have completed a 10 week course that has given them skills that will last a lifetime.

"The Program also offers students the opportunity to experience first-hand the commitment and camaraderie that comes with volunteering.

This is the first year that Covenant Christian School has offered the NSW RFS Secondary School Cadet Program to students and it's great to see genuine enthusiasm for this important community based program," said Commissioner Fitzsimmons.

Commissioner Fitzsimmons also paid tribute to the NSW RFS staff and volunteers from the Warringah / Pittwater district that facilitated the course.

"NSW RFS members have worked hard throughout the course to provide these young people with skills and experiences that they can take with them for the rest of their lives.

"In addition to our NSW RFS members, I would also like to extend a special thanks to the Principal William Rusin, teachers and staff from Covenant Christian School for helping to make this Program such a success.

"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.

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

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