

MEDIA RELEASE

Hawkesbury District celebrates graduating cadets

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Eighteen students from Colo High School and 10 students from Windsor High School have been congratulated for their successful completion of the NSW Rural Fire Service (NSW RFS) Secondary School Cadet Program.

NSW RFS District Manager Superintendent Karen Hodges praised the students, noting that the program is the ideal way to introduce young people to the important role volunteer firefighters play within their communities.

"After this 20 week course, these cadets now have skills that will last a lifetime," Superintendent Hodges said.

"Cadets have had the opportunity to examine fire behaviour, be taught essential fire safety techniques and gained an appreciation of the work our emergency services do every day in this state.

"These cadets have had the opportunity to experience the commitment and camaraderie that comes with volunteering."

Superintendent Hodges said this is the sixth time that the Secondary School Cadet Program had been run at both Colo and Windsor High Schools.

"It is fantastic to see such genuine enthusiasm for this program and I would like to thank Principals Mark Sargeant and Jennifer Hawken for their support," Superintendent Hodges said.

"I'd also like to acknowledge the commitment of the 40 Hawkesbury District volunteers and staff who helped deliver the program to the students.

Superintendent Hodges said that members enjoyed working closely with future generations to ensure that they were as 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."