



NSW RURAL FIRE SERVICE

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## Macquarie Anglican Grammar School celebrates new cadet firefighters

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Eleven students from Macquarie Anglican Grammar School have successfully completed the NSW Rural Fire Service (NSW RFS) Secondary School Cadet Program.

Minister for Emergency Services Troy Grant congratulated the students, noting it is a great way to introduce young people to the important role volunteer firefighters play within communities.

"Throughout program that ran across terms three and four, these students have gained skills that will last a lifetime," Mr Grant said.

"Students have been afforded the opportunity to examine fire behaviour, 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 build confidence and to experience the camaraderie that comes with volunteering."

NSW RFS Team Manager Superintendent Lyndon Wieland thanked Macquarie Anglican Grammar School for offering the NSW RFS Secondary School Cadet Program to its students for the fourth time.

"It's great to see genuine enthusiasm for this important community based program," Superintendent Wieland said.

"In addition to our NSW RFS members, I would also like to extend a special thanks to the Principal, teachers and staff from Macquarie Anglican Grammar School for helping to make this program such a success."

Superintendent Wieland also paid tribute to the volunteers and staff from the Orana Team 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," Superintendent Wieland said.

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

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