



NSW RURAL FIRE SERVICE

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## Ku-ring-gai High School celebrates new cadet firefighters

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Fifteen students from Ku-ring-gai High School have today been congratulated for their successful completion of the NSW Rural Fire Service (NSW RFS) Secondary School Cadet Program.

Member for Ku-ring-gai Alister Henskens and NSW RFS District Manager Superintendent Mark Sugden praised the students who completed the program, noting it is the ideal way to introduce young people to the important role that volunteer firefighters play within communities.

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

Superintendent Sugden thanked Ku-ring-gai High School for offering the NSW RFS Secondary School Cadet Program to its students for the second time.

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

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

Superintendent Sugden also paid tribute to the volunteers and staff from the Hornsby / Ku-ring-gai District 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 Sugden said.

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

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