



NSW RURAL FIRE SERVICE



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St. Edmund's College cadet firefighters celebrate graduation

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22 students from St. Edmund's College Wahroonga have today been congratulated for their successful completion of the NSW Rural Fire Service (NSW RFS) Secondary School Cadet Program.

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 volunteer fire fighters play within communities.

"These cadets have completed a nine week course that has given them skills which will last a lifetime," Superintendent Sugden said.

"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.

"The cadet program also offers students the opportunity to experience firsthand the commitment and camaraderie that comes with volunteering."

Superintendent Sugden said this is the fourth year that St. Edmund's College has offered the NSW RFS Secondary School Cadet Program to its students.

"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 St Edmund's 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. Fire fighters cannot do it alone," 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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