



NSW RURAL FIRE SERVICE



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Arndell Anglican College cadet firefighters celebrate graduation

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Twenty-one students from Arndell Anglican College in Oakville are being congratulated today for their successful completion of the NSW Rural Fire Service (NSW RFS) Secondary School Cadet Program.

NSW RFS District Manager, Superintendent Karen Hodges AFSM said the program is the ideal way to introduce young people to the important role volunteer fire fighters play within communities.

"These cadets have completed a course ran over 12 weeks that has given them skills which will last a lifetime," Superintendent Hodges 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 Hodges said this is the second time Arndell Anglican 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 Hodges said.

"In addition to our NSW RFS members, I would also like to extend a special thanks to Headmaster Gareth Leechman and staff from Arndell Anglican College, for helping to make this program such a success."

Superintendent Hodges also paid tribute to the staff and volunteers from the Hawkesbury District that 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. Firefighters cannot do it alone.

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

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