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Celebrations for graduating Inverell High School cadet firefighters

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Seven students from Inverell High School have been congratulated by NSW Rural Fire Service (NSW RFS) Regional Manager Chief Superintendent Brett Condie for their successful participation in the NSW RFS Secondary School Cadet Program.

Chief Superintendent Condie said the program is the ideal way to introduce young people to the important role volunteer firefighters play within communities.

"The cadets have completed the ten week course that has provided them with skills and knowledge which will last a lifetime," Chief Superintendent Condie 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 across the state.

Chief Superintendent Condie said the cadet program also offers students the opportunity to experience firsthand the commitment and camaraderie that comes with volunteering.

"It's great to see genuine enthusiasm for this important community based program and I hope it will be part of the curriculum for many years to come," Chief Superintendent Condie said.

"In addition to our NSW RFS members, I would also like to extend a special thanks to the Principal and staff from Inverell High School."

Chief Superintendent Condie also paid tribute to the volunteers and staff from the Northern Tablelands Team 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," Chief Superintendent Condie said.

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

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