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Summerland Christian College cadet firefighters celebrate graduation

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Seventeen students from Summerland Christian College have been congratulated by NSW Rural Fire Service (NSW RFS) Assistant Commissioner Steve Yorke AFSM for their successful participation in the NSW RFS Secondary School Cadet Program.

Assistant Commissioner Yorke 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," Assistant Commissioner Yorke 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.

Assistant Commissioner Yorke 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," Assistant Commissioner Yorke said.

"In addition to our NSW RFS members, I would also like to extend a special thanks to the Principal and staff from Summerland Christian College."

Assistant Commissioner Yorke also paid tribute to the volunteers and staff from the Northern Rivers Zone 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," Assistant Commissioner Yorke said.

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