



NSW RURAL FIRE SERVICE

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## Inverell High School celebrates new cadet firefighters

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Four students from Inverell High School have today been congratulated for their successful completion of the NSW Rural Fire Service (NSW RFS) Secondary School Cadet Program.

NSW RFS District Coordinator Bronwyn Waters 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 10 week program, these students have gained skills that will last a lifetime," Ms Waters 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."

Ms Waters thanked Inverell High School for offering the NSW RFS Secondary School Cadet Program to its students for the sixth time.

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

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

Ms Waters also paid tribute to the volunteers and staff from the Northern Tablelands Team 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," Ms Waters said.

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

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