



NSW RURAL FIRE SERVICE



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Covenant cadet firefighters celebrate graduation

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Twenty one students from the Covenant Christian School were today congratulated for their successful completion of the NSW Rural Fire Service (NSW RFS) Secondary School Cadet Program.

NSW RFS Assistant Commissioner Stuart Midgley said the 10 week program teaches students about the important role volunteer firefighters play within communities as well as practical firefighting skills.

“Not only does this course cover skills such as using a firefighting hose, but it also teaches students about commitment, leadership, teamwork and introduces them to the camaraderie that comes with volunteering,” Assistant Commissioner Midgley said.

Assistant Commissioner Midgley thanked the Covenant teachers and staff for providing their students with the opportunity to be a part of the NSW RFS Secondary School Cadet Program for a second year.

“I would particularly like to thank Covenant Christian School Principal William Rusin for helping to make the cadet program such a success and I am pleased to learn it will be an ongoing part of the school’s syllabus,” Assistant Commissioner Midgley said.

“I would also like to wholeheartedly congratulate each and every one of the 21 students who have graduated from this course today.”

Assistant Commissioner Midgley also paid tribute to the seven Warringah/Pittwater district volunteers and staff who organised and conducted the course.

“It is great to see such genuine enthusiasm for this important community based program and the Service is proud to pass on the ideals of community service, dedication and teamwork to the next generation,” Assistant Commissioner Midgley said.

More than 5000 students across NSW have successfully completed the NSW RFS Secondary Schools Cadet Program.