



**NSW RURAL FIRE SERVICE**



# MEDIA RELEASE

## **26 cadets gain practical firefighting skills**

**9 September 2014**

More than 5000 students have completed the Secondary Schools Cadet Program since it began and today the NSW Rural Fire Service (NSW RFS) welcomed a further 26 young firefighters to its ranks.

NSW RFS Assistant Commissioner Steve Yorke congratulated the cadets from Maclean High School in the Clarence Valley area at a graduation ceremony held in their honour.

“During the 10 week program these students learnt valuable lessons about fire safety and developed both leadership and team work skills,” Assistant Commissioner Yorke said.

“They are a credit to their school and the local community and I wholeheartedly congratulate them on their successful completion of the program.”

Assistant Commissioner Yorke also paid tribute to the NSW RFS volunteers and staff who were fundamental in the Program’s success at Maclean High School.

“In addition to the dedicated members who have run the course, I would also like to extend a special thanks to the Principal and staff from Maclean High School for helping make the Cadet Program such a success in its first year,” Assistant Commissioner Yorke said.

“The Service is proud to pass on the ideals of community service, dedication and teamwork to the next generation through the Secondary School Cadet Program.”

The Secondary Schools Cadet Program provides students with a unique opportunity to gain practical firefighting skills and an appreciation of the ideals and values unique to the NSW RFS.

It includes training in the areas of fire awareness, leadership, fire science, personal development and accident prevention in the workplace.

---

**For more information contact the Clarence Valley Fire Control Centre on 02 6644 5135  
For current incidents or major fire updates visit [www.rfs.nsw.gov.au](http://www.rfs.nsw.gov.au)**

---