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Binnaway Central School cadet firefighters celebrate graduation

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Sixteen students from Binnaway Central School were congratulated today by NSW Rural Fire Service (NSW RFS) Chief Superintendent Brett Condie for their successful completion of 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 a 10 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.

"The cadet program also offers students the opportunity to experience firsthand the commitment and camaraderie that comes with volunteering."

Chief Superintendent Condie said this is the second time Binnaway Central School has offered the NSW RFS Secondary School Cadet Program to its students.

"It's great to see genuine enthusiasm for this important community based program and I hope it will continue to 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 Binnaway Central School for helping to make this program such a success."

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

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