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## **Praise for Macquarie Anglican Grammar School cadet firefighters**

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Ten students from Macquarie Anglican Grammar School were congratulated today by the Hon. Richard Colless MLC and NSW Rural Fire Service (NSW RFS) Regional Operations Manager Superintendent Paul Whiteley for their successful completion of the NSW RFS Secondary School Cadet Program.

Mr Colless said the NSW RFS cadet program introduces young people to the important role volunteer firefighters play in protecting communities from fire.

"The cadets have completed a course which has provided them with skills and knowledge that will last a lifetime and provided an opportunity to experience firsthand the commitment, camaraderie and satisfaction that comes with volunteering," Mr Colless said.

"As well as examining fire behaviour and firefighting skills, 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."

Superintendent Whiteley said this is the third time Macquarie Anglican Grammar School has offered the NSW RFS Secondary School Cadet Program to its students.

"It is fantastic that there is genuine enthusiasm for this important community based program and I hope it will continue to be part of Macquarie Anglican Grammar School's curriculum for many years to come," Superintendent Whiteley said.

Superintendent Whiteley paid tribute to the cadet trainers and Orana Team staff, as well as Eulomogo Rural Fire Brigade captain Barry Whalan, who facilitated the course.

"In addition to our NSW RFS members, I would also like to extend a special thanks to Principal Craig Mansour and the Macquarie Anglican Grammar School teachers and staff for helping to make this program such a success," Superintendent Whiteley said.

"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.

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