



NSW RURAL FIRE SERVICE

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## Riverina Anglican College celebrates first cadet class of 2019

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Nineteen students from Riverina Anglican College will celebrate their successful completion of the NSW Rural Fire Service (NSW RFS) Secondary School Cadet Program tomorrow.

The group is the first to graduate from the course this year.

The Hon. Wes Fang MLC and NSW RFS Operational Officer Bradley Stewart both praised the students who took part in the 10 week program, which began in October last year.

“The course introduces participants to the important role of volunteer firefighters within the community and provides them with skills that will last a lifetime,” Mr Fang said.

“Students were taught fire behaviour and essential fire safety techniques, and gained an appreciation of the work our emergency services do every day in this state.

“Last year, 850 students completed the cadet program which also offers participants the opportunity to build their confidence and experience the camaraderie that comes with volunteering.”

Operational Officer Stewart thanked Riverina Anglican College for offering the NSW RFS Secondary School Cadet Program to its students for the first time.

“It’s great to see genuine enthusiasm for this important community based program,” Operational Officer Stewart said.

“In addition to our NSW RFS members, I would also like to extend a special thanks to the Principal, teachers and staff from Riverina Anglican College for helping to make this program such a success.”

Operational Officer Stewart also paid tribute to the volunteers and staff from the Riverina Zone who facilitated the course.

“NSW RFS members enjoy working closely with schools and communities to ensure that everyone is as well prepared as possible for the very real threat of fire,” Operational Officer Stewart said.

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



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