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## Celebration for graduating Jannali High School cadets

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Thirteen students from Jannali High School will today be congratulated for their successful completion of the NSW Rural Fire Service (NSW RFS) Secondary School Cadet Program, at a special ceremony and demonstration to be held at the Sutherland Fire Control Centre and Heathcoate Oval.

Member for Holsworthy Melanie Gibbons and NSW RFS Assistant Commissioner Stuart Midgley will praise the students who completed the program and watch a demonstration of skills learnt during the course.

"This is the ideal way to introduce young people to the important role volunteer fire fighters play within communities," Ms Gibbons said.

"These cadets have completed a ten week course that has given them skills that will last a lifetime.

"As well as examining fire behaviour, the participants have been taught essential fire safety techniques and gained an appreciation of the work our emergency services do every day in NSW.

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

Assistant Commissioner Midgley said this is the third year that Jannali High 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 remain part of the school's curriculum," Assistant Commissioner Midgley said.

"In addition to our NSW RFS members, I would also like to extend a special thanks to the Principal, teachers and staff from Jannali High School for helping to make this program such a success."

Assistant Commissioner Midgley will also pay tribute to the volunteers and staff from the Sutherland District who 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. Fire fighters cannot do it alone," Assistant Commissioner Midgley said.

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



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