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Sutherland cadet firefighters celebrate graduation

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Students from Kirrawee High School are today being congratulated for their successful completion of the NSW Rural Fire Service (NSW RFS) Secondary School Cadet Program.

NSW RFS Assistant Commissioner Stuart Midgley praised the seven students who completed the program, noting it is the ideal way to introduce young people to the important role volunteer firefighters undertake within communities.

"These seven cadets have completed a course that has given them skills which will last a lifetime," Assistant Commissioner Midgley 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 in this State.

"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 second time that Kirrawee High School has offered the NSW RFS Secondary School Cadet Program to students.

"It's great to see genuine enthusiasm for this important community based program," Assistant Commissioner Midgley said.

"In addition to our NSW RFS members, I would also like to extend a special thanks to Principal Paul Owens, as well as the teachers and staff who helped make this program such a success."

Assistant Commissioner Midgley also paid tribute to the NSW RFS Sutherland District staff and volunteers 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. Our firefighters 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."

More than 6500 students across NSW have successfully completed the NSW RFS Secondary Schools Cadet Program.