



NSW RURAL FIRE SERVICE



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Windsor High School cadet firefighters celebrate graduation

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Twelve students from Windsor High School who successfully completed the NSW Rural Fire Service (NSW RFS) Secondary School Cadet Program were today congratulated by the Member for Riverstone Kevin Conolly MP and NSW RFS Commissioner Shane Fitzsimmons.

Mr Conolly and Commissioner Fitzsimmons attended a graduation ceremony at Windsor High School, where they met the graduating cadets and presented them with certificates.

"The cadets committed themselves to completing this course across two school terms and I am confident they found it to be a worthwhile and fulfilling experience," Mr Conolly said.

"The Secondary School Cadet Program is a fantastic way to introduce young people to the important role volunteer firefighters play within communities and it also teaches them skills and knowledge that will last a lifetime.

"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."

Commissioner Fitzsimmons thanked Windsor High School Principal Jennifer Hawken for offering the NSW RFS Secondary School Cadet Program to students for the fifth time.

"It is wonderful to see such genuine enthusiasm for this important community program and I hope it will continue to be a part of the curriculum for many years to come," Commissioner Fitzsimmons said.

"I would especially like to thank the forty NSW RFS Hawkesbury District volunteers and staff who helped deliver the program under the direction of Deputy Group Captain Phil Hurst, as well as the Windsor High School staff.

"NSW RFS members thoroughly enjoy working with schools and the community to ensure everyone is as well prepared as possible for the very real threat of fire while passing on the ideals of community service, dedication and teamwork to the next generation."