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NSW RURAL FIRE SERVICE

Belmont cadet firefighters celebrate graduation

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Sixteen students from Belmont High School are being congratulated on their successful completion of the NSW Rural Fire Service (NSW RFS) Secondary School Cadet Program.

Superintendent Stephen Raymond said that the program was the ideal way to introduce young people to the important role that volunteer firefighters play within communities.

"These Year 9 cadets have completed a 10 week course that has given them skills that will last a lifetime. As well as examining fire behaviour, the students have been taught essential fire safety techniques and been given a comprehensive overview of the role of our emergency services," said Supt. Raymond.

"It's not just about fighting bush fires. The Program offers students the opportunity to experience first-hand the commitment and camaraderie that comes with volunteering.

This is the second year that Belmont High School has held the NSW RFS Secondary School Cadet Program, offering valuable insight into the risks associated with bush and grass fires.

"Belmont High has been a wonderful supporter of the Cadet Program. By educating and training with these young people we are equipping the students with skills they can take with them for the rest of their lives."

Supt. Raymond also paid tribute to the staff and volunteers from the The Lakes team who facilitated the course.

"In addition to our NSW RFS members, I would also like to extend a special thanks to the Principal, teachers and staff from Belmont High School for helping make the Program the success it is.

"The NSW RFS enjoys working closely with schools and communities to ensure that everyone is as well prepared as can be 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 – and it is extremely rewarding to know many of the graduates from the Secondary School Cadet Program intend to build on their new skills by joining their local NSW RFS brigade."

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