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Celebration for Colo High School graduating cadet firefighters

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Twelve students from Colo High School in North Richmond have been congratulated by NSW Rural Fire Service (NSW RFS) Assistant Commissioner Rebel Talbert for their successful participation in the NSW RFS Secondary School Cadet Program.

Assistant Commissioner Talbert said the program is the ideal way to introduce young people to the important role volunteer firefighters play within communities.

"The cadets have completed a 20 week course that has provided them with skills and knowledge which will last a lifetime," Assistant Commissioner Talbert 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 across the state.

Assistant Commissioner Talbert said the cadet program also offers students the opportunity to experience firsthand the commitment and camaraderie that comes with volunteering.

"It's great to see genuine enthusiasm for this important community based program and I hope it will be part of the curriculum for many years to come," Assistant Commissioner Talbert said.

"In addition to our NSW RFS members, I would also like to extend a special thanks to the Principal and staff from Colo High School."

Assistant Commissioner Talbert also paid tribute to the volunteers and staff from the Hawkesbury District that 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," Assistant Commissioner Talbert said.

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

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