



NSW RURAL FIRE SERVICE



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Illawarra schools celebrate Cadet firefighter graduations

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Students from Calderwood Christian School and Dapto High School have been congratulated today at two separate presentations for their successful completion of the NSW Rural Fire Service (NSW RFS) Secondary School Cadet Program.

NSW RFS Assistant Commissioner Stuart Midgley AFSM praised the 46 students who completed the program, noting it is the ideal way to introduce young people to the important role volunteer fire fighters play within communities.

"These cadets have completed a 10 week 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 it was great to see genuine enthusiasm for this important community based program.

"In addition to our NSW RFS members, I would also like to extend a special thanks to the Principals, teachers and staff from these schools for helping to make the program such a success," Assistant Commissioner Midgley said.

"In addition to the students graduating today, I note one teacher from each school has also completed the program this year as well."

Assistant Commissioner Midgley also paid tribute to the staff and volunteers from the Illawarra 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. 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."