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Lumen Christi Catholic College cadet firefighters celebrate graduation

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Thirteen students from the Lumen Christi Catholic College were today congratulated for their successful completion of the NSW Rural Fire Service (NSW RFS) Secondary School Cadet Program.

NSW RFS Director Membership and Strategic Services Bronwyn Jones said the 10 week program teaches students about the important role volunteer firefighters play within communities as well as practical firefighting skills.

"Not only does this course cover skills such as using a firefighting hose, but it also teaches students about commitment, leadership, teamwork and introduces them to the camaraderie that comes with volunteering," Ms Jones said.

Ms Jones thanked the Lumen Christi teachers and staff for providing their students with the opportunity to be a part of the NSW RFS Secondary School Cadet Program for the sixth time.

"I would particularly like to thank Lumen Christi principal Steve Centra for helping to make the cadet program such a success," Ms Jones said.

"I would also like to wholeheartedly congratulate each and every one of the 13 students who have graduated from this course today."

Ms Jones also paid tribute to the four Bega Valley District volunteers and staff who organised and conducted the course.

"It is great to see such genuine enthusiasm for this important community based program and the Service is proud to pass on the ideals of community service, dedication and teamwork to the next generation," Ms Jones said.

More than 5000 students across NSW have successfully completed the NSW RFS Secondary Schools Cadet Program.