



## Gosford's fire cadets graduate with flying colours

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Brisbane Water Secondary College in Woy Woy celebrated a first for the school today when 13 students graduated from the NSW Rural Fire Service (NSW RFS) Secondary School Cadet Program.

NSW RFS Superintendent Steve Marsh congratulated the group of hard working students who committed to the intensive ten week course run by 20 NSW RFS volunteers and staff from the Gosford area.

“This course is unique because it covers a broad range of practical skills as well as instilling students with important skills like commitment, leadership and team work.

“The Program provides students with an insight into the camaraderie and sense of mateship you get when you join together with your peers to protect your neighbours during times of need. This is something our volunteers do 365 days a year.

“This Cadet Program also opens students’ eyes to another side of society, where people give of their time freely and in return they are provided with extensive training in a professional organisation.

“Often high school students have a lot of enthusiasm and energy, they just need some guidance about where to direct it. This Cadet Program has proven to really capture students’ attention,” said Superintendent Marsh.

Superintendent Marsh described the cadets as an inspiration to their fellow students, who he hopes will follow in their footsteps and elect to do the course in future years.

“In addition to our dedicated volunteers; I would also like to extend a special thanks to the Principal, Mr David Allomes, and staff from the Brisbane Water Secondary College in Woy Woy, for helping to get the Cadet Program off to such a strong start at the school,” said Superintendent Marsh.

Superintendent Marsh said more than 4,000 students across the state had successfully completed the NSW RFS Secondary Schools Cadet Program since its launch six years ago.