



NSW RURAL FIRE SERVICE

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Celebration for graduating Kiama High School cadets

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Twenty-two students and one teacher from Kiama High School will today be congratulated for their successful completion of the NSW Rural Fire Service (NSW RFS) Secondary School Cadet Program, at a special ceremony held at the Illawarra District Fire Control Centre.

NSW RFS District Manager Superintendent Greg Wardle will praise the students and teacher 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 ten week course that has given them skills which will last a lifetime," Superintendent Wardle said.

"As well as examining fire behaviour, the participants 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."

Superintendent Wardle said this is the fourth year that Kiama High School has offered the NSW RFS Secondary School Cadet Program to its students.

"It's great to see genuine enthusiasm for this important community based program, with a member of the teaching staff even undertaking the program with students," Superintendent Wardle said.

"In addition to our NSW RFS members, I would also like to extend a special thanks to the Principal, teachers and staff from Kiama High School for helping to make this program such a success."

Superintendent Wardle will also pay tribute to the volunteers and staff 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. Fire fighters cannot do it alone," Superintendent Wardle said.

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



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