



**NSW RURAL FIRE SERVICE**



# MEDIA RELEASE

## **Bega High School celebrates inaugural NSW RFS Cadet graduates**

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More than 5000 students have completed the Secondary Schools Cadet Program since it began and today the NSW Rural Fire Service (NSW RFS) welcomed a further 17 young firefighters to its ranks from Bega High School's first Program.

NSW RFS Director Membership and Strategic Services Bronwyn Jones congratulated the cadets from the Far South Coast at a graduation ceremony held in their honour.

"During the 10 week program these students learnt valuable lessons about fire safety and developed both leadership and team work skills," Ms Jones said.

"They are a credit to their school and the local community and I wholeheartedly congratulate them on their successful completion of the program."

Ms Jones also paid tribute to the NSW RFS volunteers and staff who were fundamental in the Program's success at Bega High School.

"In addition to the dedicated members who have run the course, I would also like to extend a special thanks to the Principal and staff from Bega High School for helping make the Cadet Program such a success," Ms Jones said.

"This the first time the NSW RFS Secondary School Cadet Program has been conducted at Bega High School."

"The Service is proud to pass on the ideals of community service, dedication and teamwork to the next generation through the Secondary School Cadet Program and we look forward to welcoming many more Bega High School Cadets in the years to come."

The Secondary Schools Cadet Program provides students with a unique opportunity to gain practical firefighting skills and an appreciation of the ideals and values unique to the NSW RFS.

It includes training in the areas of fire awareness, leadership, fire science, personal development and accident prevention in the workplace.