



NSW RURAL FIRE SERVICE



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Macintyre and Inverell students gain firefighting skills

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More than 5000 students have completed the Secondary Schools Cadet Program and today the NSW Rural Fire Service (NSW RFS) welcomed a further 28 young firefighters into its ranks.

NSW RFS Assistant Commissioner Steve Yorke congratulated the 13 cadets from Macintyre High School and the 15 cadets from Inverell High School at a graduation ceremony held at Inverell Rugby Park today.

“During the ten week program these students learnt valuable lessons about fire safety and developed both leadership and team work skills,” Assistant Commissioner Yorke said.

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

Assistant Commissioner Yorke also paid tribute to the NSW RFS volunteers and staff who were fundamental in the Program’s success at both schools.

“In addition to the dedicated members who have run the course, I would also like to extend a special thanks to the staff at the Macintyre High School and Inverell High School for helping make the Cadet Program such a success,” Assistant Commissioner Yorke said.

“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.”

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.