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NSW RURAL FIRE SERVICE

Parkes High School Rural Fire Service Cadets Graduate

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Thirteen students from Parkes High School have been presented with graduation certificates after successfully completing the NSW Rural Fire Service (NSW RFS) Secondary Schools Cadet Program today.

NSW RFS Region West Manager Paul Smith congratulated the students, describing them as a credit to their school and the local community.

"These 13 young people have not only learnt valuable lessons about fire safety by completing the program, they have also shown great commitment and team work," Mr Smith said.

"The program is now in its seventh year at the school and it is growing in popularity each year. Parkes High School is a great example of a school that has really got behind the Cadet Program and is doing everything it can to encourage students to become volunteers."

Mr Smith presented the cadets with their graduation certificates during a ceremony at Parkes High School.

"I would like to extend a special thanks to the local NSW RFS staff and volunteers who shared their skills and knowledge with these cadets, as well as the principal, teachers and staff from Parkes High School."

Mr Smith said more than 3,000 students across the state had successfully completed the formal NSW RFS Secondary Schools Cadet Program since its launch six years ago.

"Through the Cadet Program, these 13 students have been given an insight into the NSW RFS ideals of community service, dedication and team work, along with the rewards of volunteering.

"The Service is proud to pass on these traditions to the next generation through the Secondary Schools Cadet Program, and I'm pleased to hear many of these graduates intend to build on their new skills by joining their local NSW RFS brigade."

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