



NSW RURAL FIRE SERVICE



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Celebrations for graduating Wollondilly Anglican College cadets

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Eight students from Wollondilly Anglican College were congratulated today by NSW Rural Fire Service (NSW RFS) Southern Highlands Manager Superintendent Martin Surrey for their successful completion of the NSW RFS Secondary School Cadet Program.

Superintendent Surrey said the program is the ideal way to introduce young people to the important role volunteer fire fighters play within communities.

"The cadets have completed a course that ran over 10 weeks that has given them skills which will last a lifetime," Superintendent Surrey said.

"As well as examining fire behaviour, the students 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 Surrey said this was the second time Wollondilly Anglican College has offered the NSW RFS Secondary School Cadet Program to its students and hoped it would continue to be a permanent fixture in the curriculum.

"It's great to see genuine enthusiasm for this important community based program," Superintendent Surrey said.

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

Superintendent Surrey also paid tribute to the staff and volunteers from the Wollondilly District that 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. Firefighters cannot do it alone.

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