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NSW RURAL FIRE SERVICE

Condobolin cadet firefighters celebrate graduation

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Despite the wetter than average weather, nine students from Condobolin High School are being congratulated on their successful completion of the NSW Rural Fire Service (NSW RFS) Secondary School Cadet Program.

NSW RFS Community Safety Manager Simon Curry said that the program was the ideal way to introduce young people to the important role that volunteer firefighters play within communities.

"It's not just about fighting bush fires. The Program offers students the opportunity to experience first-hand the commitment and camaraderie that comes with volunteering.

"These Year 10 cadets have completed a 10 week course that has given them skills that will last a lifetime. As well as examining fire behaviour, the students have been taught essential fire safety techniques and been given a comprehensive overview of the role of our emergency services," said Mr Curry.

This is the third year that Condobolin High School has held the NSW RFS Secondary School Cadet Program, offering valuable insight into the risks associated with bush and grass fires.

"Condobolin High has been a tremendous supporter of the Cadet Program. By educating and training with these young people we are equipping the next generation with invaluable knowledge and skills that will be an enormous asset to the community.

Simon Curry also paid tribute to the staff and volunteers from the Mid Lachlan Valley Team who facilitated the course.

"The RFS enjoys working closely with schools and communities to ensure that everyone is as well prepared as can be for the very real threat of fire.

"In addition to our RFS members, I would also like to extend a special thanks to the Principal, teachers and staff from Condobolin High School for helping make the Program the success it is.

"The Service is proud to pass on the ideals of community service, dedication and teamwork to the next generation – and it is extremely rewarding to know many of the graduates from the Secondary School Cadet Program intend to build on their new skills by joining their local NSW RFS brigade."

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