



NSW RURAL FIRE SERVICE



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Balranald Central School cadet firefighters celebrate graduation

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Eighteen students from Balranald Central School are being congratulated today for their successful completion of the NSW Rural Fire Service (NSW RFS) Secondary School Cadet Program.

NSW RFS Chief Superintendent Ken Hall said the program is the ideal way to introduce young people to the important role volunteer fire fighters play within communities.

"These cadets have completed a ten week course that has given them skills which will last a lifetime," Chief Superintendent Hall 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."

Chief Superintendent Hall said this is the second year that Balranald Central School has offered the NSW RFS Secondary School Cadet Program to its students.

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

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

Chief Superintendent Hall also paid tribute to the staff and volunteers from the Lower Western District who 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. Fire fighters cannot do it alone," Chief Superintendent Hall said.

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