



**NSW RURAL FIRE SERVICE**



# **MEDIA RELEASE**

## **Toronto High School cadet firefighters celebrate graduation**

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

Assistant Commissioner Rebel Talbert 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 nine week course that has given them skills which will last a lifetime," Assistant Commissioner Talbert 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."

Assistant Commissioner Talbert said this is the third time Toronto High 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.

"In addition to our NSW RFS members, I would also like to extend a special thanks to Principal Mark McConville and staff from Toronto High School, for helping to make this program such a success."

Assistant Commissioner Talbert also paid tribute to the staff and volunteers from the Lakes Team 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."

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