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# Introduction Letter

## NSW State Emergency Service (NSW SES) Secondary Schools Cadet Program

Dear Principal

Thank for your interest in the NSW SES Cadet Program. The following documents in this information pack will provide you with an understanding of how the Cadet Program is structured:

- NSW SES Cadet Program Guidelines
- Overview of Learning Outcomes

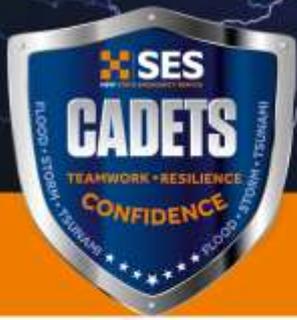
The Cadet Program is a NSW State Emergency Service volunteer initiative, funded by the NSW Government and administered and supported by the NSW SES. **The program is currently free of charge.** Course content has been specifically designed to be interactive and hands on so students have fun while learning.

The Cadet Program is open to school students from year 9 and above. The program consists of activity based sessions that are conducted over 10 weeks part-time (1 day per week, 100 mins per day) or 5 full consecutive school days. The program is primarily conducted at the school, with an excursion to a local NSW SES Unit and a local emergency service centre, and will conclude with an off-site activity day.

The purpose of the program is to:-

- Introduce students to the NSW SES.
- Provide students with a wide variety of skills and knowledge that will help build resilience and equip them with life skills.
- Provide skills for working within the emergency services sector.
- Develop students' skills in Leadership, Teamwork, Communication and Safety.
- Build confidence and give a sense of achievement.
- Encourage the spirit of volunteering in the community.

Cadets are supplied with a NSW SES back pack and personal protective equipment (PPE). The jackets, pants and epaulettes provided will be required to be returned at the completion of the program, but other PPE provided can be kept by the cadet.



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Teachers are required to organise transport for excursions and provide some administrative support, student supervision and provision of school indoor/outdoor training areas. Training is conducted by volunteers from local Units with support from state headquarters and region staff.

Upon successful completion of the program cadets will receive a Certificate of Completion or Attendance.

The training delivered to cadets provides an excellent starting point for students interested in furthering their education, skills and vocational opportunities in emergency services. It is also envisaged that employers from a broad variety of sectors would hold this training and experience in high regard.

Upon reaching the age of 16 any person can apply to join a NSW SES Unit. Former cadets will have a distinctive advantage on joining a NSW SES Unit due to the relevant training they have received in the Cadet Program.

If after reading this information pack you would like to apply for a Cadet Program to be conducted at your school, please fill in the Expressions of Interest form enclosed in the guidelines document and email to the address provided on the form.

The NSW SES will determine the capacity of NSW SES Unit volunteers in your area to deliver the program and a Region Cadet Coordinator will contact you to discuss the situation.

Yours Sincerely

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