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<b>RE:</b>	<b>Bonnyrigg High School welcomes St John Ambulance Cadet Division</b>		

St John Ambulance Australia (NSW) and Bonnyrigg High School have joined forces to open the Bonnyrigg High School Cadet Division. The formal opening ceremony will take place at Bonnyrigg High School on 29 July 2010.

St John Cadets are part of a national youth organisation, for those aged 8 to 18, who develop extensive first aid, communication and leadership skills. Once trained, they are able to provide first aid at events under adult supervision.

Twenty eight students from Bonnyrigg High School have already completed their Senior First Aid Certificate and many of them have started to provide first aid at events such as School Athletic Carnivals, Junior Rugby League and at the Royal Easter Show.

Sean Gavin, Chief Executive of St John (NSW) referred to Cadets as the future of St John.

“We are very proud of the fact that almost half of our membership is 25-years old or younger. St John has been in Australia for over 125 years and our youth program is our fastest growing membership area”, Mr Gavin said.

Officer-in-charge Stan Walden, who transferred from Fairfield Division in order to oversee the newly formed Bonnyrigg High school Cadet Division, said it was great to see students involved in first aid.

“It is remarkable that amidst their studies, family, work and other commitments they still find time to be active First Aiders, helping their community”, Mr Walden said.

To know more St John Ambulance Cadets, to join a Cadet Division or to become a volunteer, visit [www.stjohnnsw.com.au](http://www.stjohnnsw.com.au) or call 1300 360 455.

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