

## Media Release

### Chiefs of Staff, News Directors

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## Students supported with study choices

Students considering medicine as a career option will be supported with their choices this evening at a BBQ organised by the Rural Clinical School in Burnie.

Around a dozen local students have been offered and are considering places in the University of Tasmania's school of medicine.

Rural Clinical School Co-Director Dr Lizzi Shires said the BBQ will be attended by local Year 2-5 medical students and interns from the North West Regional hospital.

"It's a great chance for local students and their parents to find out about what is involved in studying medicine, living in Hobart and where they can carry out the clinical years of their degree," Dr Shires said.

"It's an opportunity to hear more about the course and life as a medical student which will hopefully help them to make a decision about whether medicine is the degree for them."

Dr Shires said that students from the North West are eligible to apply for the Rural Application Pathway (RAP) into medicine, a program offered by the Rural Clinical School providing various support measures and incentives for students from rural areas to take up careers in medicine.

"There is additional funding for students who come from rural areas and students on this pathway will have preferential placements to study in regional areas during their clinical years of learning," Dr Shires said.

"We will be providing students with advice and support about the RAP program at the BBQ tonight and the event will also provide them with an opportunity to meet other local students who they may be studying with for the next five years."

**What:** Information and BBQ for North West students considering studying medicine

**When:** Wednesday, January 13 (tonight), 6-8 pm

**Where:** Rural Clinical School, North West Regional Hospital, Burnie

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