

## Media Release

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## North-West students get a healthy dose of Medical career options

College students contemplating a career in health will this week get an important insight into the world of higher education opportunities available at the University of Tasmania.

The Rural Clinical School (RCS) is hosting two health career information sessions on the state's North-West on Wednesday and Thursday evening, in a bid to encourage the region's year 11 and 12 students to start thinking about future professions, and what steps they can take to forge them.

Individuals looking to return to education are also encouraged to attend, with Faculty staff to deliver a series of informative presentations detailing pathways for courses in Medicine, Medical Research, Paramedicine, Human Life Sciences, Pharmacy, Nursing & Midwifery and Psychology.

Dr Lizzi Shires, Co-Director of the Rural Clinical School said the annual initiative provided prospective students and their parents with a comfortable Q&A setting to engage with teachers, but also offered attendees the chance to interact with students already enrolled.

"Students might elect to study an area of medicine or health, however many don't know what these courses specifically entail," Dr Shires said.

"These sessions are designed to provide them with a better understanding of all of their options, and also necessary information to help them to make informed decisions to reach their full professional potential."

Current RCS students will also manage expo style information tables at both events, while other University representatives will be present to discuss scholarship options and student services.

The first session will be held on Wednesday, March 9 at the Rural Clinical School in Burnie, while the second will take place at the Mersey Community Hospital in Latrobe on March 10.

## **PHOTO/INTERVIEW OPPORTUNITIES**

**What:** RCS Student Health Information sessions (flyer attached)

**When:** Wednesday, 9 March 6pm – 7.30pm and Thursday, 10 March 6pm –7.30pm

**Where:** Rural Clinical School, Burnie, on Wednesday and Mersey Community Hospital, Latrobe on Thursday

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