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All Saints experience for NW Year 10 students

Year 10 students from Tasmania's North-West will tomorrow be catapulted into a trauma scenario complete with a severely injured person and medical staff, as they learn about health careers available to them.

Executive officer of the Rural Clinical school in Burnie, Rachel Farnsworth, said 34 students from 14 schools are attending the annual three-day Health Careers Camp.

"In Thursday's role play, the students will be able to see the whole range of people involved in a trauma scenario," she said.

"The scenario will be one of many interactive experiences aimed at giving the students a better understanding of the diversity of careers available in the health field."

The Health Careers Camp has had high success in attracting students into medical-related university courses since it was piloted in 2000.

Rural Clinical School chief executive, Professor Judi Walker, said that of the 32 students who attended the 2005 camp, 15 are now enrolled in Faculty of Health Science courses.

"There are six in medicine, one in medical research, three in nursing and three in pharmacy.

"Three students from the first-ever camp are now in their final year of medicine at the Rural Clinical School here in Burnie.

"Another two students who attended the camp during their high school days will be leaders at this year's event and powerful role models for the group."

"We aim to interest the students in future rural practice to help address the rural health workforce shortage," she said.

Over three days at the Health Careers Camp the high school students have many interactive health care experiences delivered by practising health professionals working in the NW region.

The camp is delivered through a strong partnership between the University's Rural Clinical School, the North-West Regional Hospital, the North-West Private Hospital and the Education Department.

Media are invited to attend Health Careers Camp sessions at the Rural Clinical School, Burnie, on Thursday 10 July, 9am – 2pm.

PLEASE NOTE: The Trauma Scenario will be held from 9.10am – 9.30am on Thursday 10 July.

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