Students gain healthy insight into future careers

North-West high school students will experience a number of health professions during two workshops facilitated by the University of Tasmania’s Rural Clinical School.

The Year 9 Health Careers initiative allows young participants interested in pursuing a future occupation in health to discover more about various roles in the sector through hands-on activities.

Each group will be immersed in simulated scenarios, which include administering fillings, dressing in gloves, gowns and masks to perform surgery using hospital equipment, gazing through ophthalmoscopes, dressing wounds, taking blood pressure, and administering first aid.

Nurses, pharmacists, allied health workers and medical students will facilitate the sessions.

Rural Clinical School Director Dr Lizzi Shires said the initiative aimed to expand the knowledge around health professions for year 9 students as they contemplated their future careers.

“Students can experience up to seven occupations during each day-long session which offers them a fun and unique snapshot of what working in those careers is really like,” Dr Shires said.

“The program helps to broaden their understanding of the steps they need to take to reach their chosen profession, including what subjects to enrol in during year 11 and 12 before progressing to university.

“Importantly, the year 9 participants will be able to engage with health workers to ask any questions they might have about health careers, further education and what university life is like.”

Areas of health covered in the Year 9 Health Careers program include medicine, the nursing disciplines of emergency care, wound care, midwifery, theatre scenarios, medical and surgical skills, as well as community care, pharmacy, pathology,
Each Year 9 Health Careers session will be attended by around 80 students.

**MEDIA OPPORTUNITIES:**

**LATROBE**
Friday, 25 August 9.15am – 2.15pm;
Rural Clinical School (Mersey campus), Level 2, Mersey Community Hospital,
Torquay Road, Latrobe.

**BURNIE**
Wednesday, 30 August 9.15am – 2.15pm;
Rural Clinical School (Burnie campus), North-West Regional Hospital site, Brickport
Road, Burnie.

To arrange interviews, photo or filming opportunities at either session, please
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