

# Year 9 Rural Health Careers Taster Day

## INFORMATION

### Background:

The University Department of Rural Health (UDRH) has been organising health careers activities for a number of years, with the support of a range of health professionals, Faculty of Health Science staff, the Department of Health and Human Services, the Department of Education and local hospitals.

### The Program:

- The 2007 Taster Day will be run at the University of Tasmania's Nursing Centre of Excellence in Simulation at the Newnham campus in Launceston from 9.00am – 3pm on Thursday 22 November 2007.
- The Taster Day provides a multi-disciplinary health careers education program for students
- Students attending the Taster Day will gain a better understanding of a range of health careers (e.g. medicine, nursing and allied health).
- The program will feature interactive experiences in the world-class simulation labs at the Newnham campus. Participating students will have the opportunity to communicate with practising health professionals, university academic staff and current university students.
- Participating students will be provided with information about tertiary educational pathways leading to future careers in health.

### On the Day

- **Schools will need to ensure that participating students have appropriate transport to and from the Newnham campus.** If the logistics or costs of transport to the event become an obstacle to a selected student attending, please do not hesitate to contact us as additional support may be available.
- **There are no other costs to students participating in the program.** Morning tea will be provided and students will be given a \$10 lunch voucher (funded by UDRH) so that they can purchase lunch at the Student Association café on campus.
- Students are encouraged to wear plain clothes.

### Target Group:

- Year 9 students from around Tasmania with a high level of interest in a future career in health that requires university study should be considered.
- We envisage that there will be approximately 30-40 students attending from the north of Tasmania.

### What next?

Schools are asked to select two students who demonstrate an interest in a health career requiring university study and who, in their opinion, may benefit from this Taster Day. Please ensure that all sections of the application form are completed for each student and returned to the UDRH no later than 31 October 2007. A confirmation letter with details of the event will be sent to schools in early November.

### For More Information:

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