



The Hon Jillian Skinner MP

Minister for Health Minister for Medical Research

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OPENING OF NEPEAN CLINICAL SCHOOL

The Minister for Health, Jillian Skinner, today welcomed the opening of the new Nepean Clinical School as an important training platform for medical students who will enter the NSW Health system.

Mrs Skinner joined the Federal Minister for Health, Tanya Plibersek, at the official opening today.

Mrs Skinner said the opening of the clinical school was a positive example of the partnership between the State and Commonwealth Governments in providing high quality medical training.

“I welcome the fantastic new clinical school here at Nepean and I’m proud of the contribution from the NSW Government which goes hand in hand with this facility in providing undergraduate clinical placements in our hospitals,” Mrs Skinner said.

“We provide some 325,000 medical student placements days per year at hospitals across NSW,” she said.

“This allows students to gain invaluable experience in working closely with patients throughout their training.”

Mrs Skinner said the NSW Government also welcomes a record number of interns in our hospital system this year.

“It has been a priority of mine to boost the number of intern training positions in our hospitals - this year we have offered 850 positions, an increase of 170 in the past two years,” Mrs Skinner said.

“We have also provided \$7.2m over 4 years to enable the establishment of extra medical specialist training positions,” she said.

“The NSW Government recognises that medical training is best delivered through a network of training sites to allow doctors to gain experience across a range of metropolitan, rural and regional health facilities.

“This is why we have allocated \$3.9 million over four years to support the establishment of medical training networks and a Rural Generalist training pathway.

“I look forward to the continuing close relationship we have with the University of Sydney as we work together to develop education and research and, in turn, improve patient outcomes in NSW.”