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MINISTER WELCOMES GRADUATE NURSES AND MIDWIVES FOR NSW

More than 2000 graduate nurses and midwives are launching their careers in 112 hospitals across NSW this week.

Health Minister Jillian Skinner will today visit Wollongong Hospital to welcome the first of the 100 new graduate nurses and midwives who will take up roles within the Illawarra Shoalhaven Local Health District.

They are among over 600 graduate nurses and midwives who start work across the state this week. The remainder will take up duties in the coming weeks and months.

“We are indebted as a society to the dedication of nurses and midwives, who are at the very heart of our health system,” Mrs Skinner said.

“We rely on their professionalism and their commitment to delivering the highest standards of patient care.

“I congratulate these graduates on joining their ranks. I trust that today is the start of a long and fulfilling career for them all.”

This year’s recruitment of over 2000 graduates takes the total to more than 46,700 nurses and midwives working in NSW.

“Prior to coming to government, we promised to provide an additional 2,475 nurses in NSW in our first term,” Mrs Skinner said.

“I am extremely proud that, just halfway through our first term, we have exceeded that target, with more than 3000 extra nurses and midwives now working in our hospitals and the community, providing care to the people of NSW.”

About one quarter of this year’s graduate nurses and midwives have taken up jobs in rural hospitals.

“All nurses and midwives remember their first weeks working with patients and their families. This is a special and memorable time for them which will no doubt play a role in shaping the invaluable contribution they make to our health system,” Mrs Skinner said.