Dubbo Base Hospital Redevelopment
New surgical and maternity units are complete and an expansion of renal dialysis facilities is underway. Further stages will include a new emergency department and medical inpatient ward; expanded intensive care unit; a cardiac catheterisation lab; imaging facilities and ambulatory care centre; and upgraded oncology, cardiovascular and stroke units.

Stage 3 Curriculum Blocks
Child & Adolescent Health (CAH)
The paediatric team has six consultant paediatricians, four registrars and a resident. Students spend time in Children’s Ward, Emergency and at outpatient clinics. Structured teaching takes place at the clinical school each week. Written exams are held in Dubbo each term and OSCEs alternate between SRH campuses.

Community (COMM)
Students complete six weeks of general practice placements; most students complete one placement in Dubbo and one in the region. All structured teaching and assessments are held in Dubbo and delivered by rural practitioners.

Critical Care (CC)
Our busy Emergency Department caters for a large number of interventions that include paediatric and indigenous patients. The Intensive Care Unit has twelve beds: four each of ICU, Coronary Care and High Dependency. The Block is split into three clinical attachments: Emergency (4 weeks), Intensive Care (2) and Anaesthetics (2).

Medicine (MED)
Dubbo delivers two clinical combinations, each split into two four-week attachments:

- General & Geriatrics (MED A)
- General & Renal (MED B)

Students are not asked for attachment preferences – fixed allocations are shown in the Streams table overleaf.

Surgery (SURG)
The four surgery teams cover General Surgery, Orthopaedics and the sub-specialties of ENT, Urology, Ophthalmology and Dentistry. Students are rostered across the teams for a varied clinical experience.
Perinatal & Women’s Health (PWH)
Dubbo Base Hospital delivers around 1300 babies each year. More than half of maternity patients come from outlying areas and a significant proportion are Aboriginal. Students learn from four O&G consultants, three registrars, a resident and a skilled midwifery team. Clinical placements are spent in the birthing suite, maternity unit, neonatal care unit, theatre and at outpatient clinics. Structured teaching takes place at the clinical school each week. Written exams are held in Dubbo each term and OSCEs alternate between SRH campuses.

Psychiatry & Addiction Medicine (PAAM)
Clinical activities are set in Dubbo and smaller regional towns. Structured teaching takes place each week and the term is divided into inpatient and community mental health attachments. Written exams are held in Dubbo each term and students travel to Orange for Observed Long Cases.

Pre-Internship Block
PRINT is not part of a Rural Clinical Year and most students will return to their metropolitan clinical school for this Block. A small number of places are available in Dubbo each year, with priority given to students who have accepted an internship here. Expressions of interest are called for in Year 4.

Bedside Teaching Program
This program teaches students how to approach a range of different presentations and to integrate their physical examination techniques. Students are allocated a Bedside Tutor for the duration of their stay in Dubbo and meet weekly, in parallel to their current Block.

Clinical Simulation
Clinical simulation is integrated into Dubbo’s program delivery and students take part in weekly scenarios during most Stage 3 Blocks. These sessions equip students with essential practical skills. In 2016, Dubbo Campus will build a dedicated Simulation Centre, to include two labs with high-fidelity patient simulators and a debriefing room.

Medical Retrievals
Students will be given the opportunity to join the local Royal Flying Doctor Service on retrieval flights throughout western NSW. With luck, most students will receive one flight during their year in Dubbo.

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