



## **Dear Students**

The State Government last month released *Delivering Transforming Health – Our Next Steps* detailing its next steps for transforming the health system across metropolitan Adelaide.

This strategy is the result of worldwide research, intensive modelling, industry discussion and community, staff, clinician and stakeholder consultation. Transforming Health recognises both the physical and human resources required to support the State Government's goal of delivering consistent, quality care while ensuring a world class sustainable health system for South Australia.

As healthcare professionals of the future, you will play an important part in achieving this goal. SA Health and Flinders University will be working in partnership to ensure your education, training requirements, and research opportunities continue.

Changes under *Transforming Health* will be introduced over the next four years.

SA Health is committed to additional ongoing consultation on the implementation of all changes as this is essential in developing appropriate training and research for a transformed health system.

There will be no impact on the course requirements of your degree, including clinical placements. The university will continue to work in partnership with SA Health to ensure quality clinical placements for all health profession students at Flinders University.

Furthermore, the State Government has committed to undertake additional consultation on the implementation of all changes and pledged that no significant changes will take place until capacity has been created in the system.

SA Health values the contribution of students to patient care. As part of SA Health's *Better Placed:* Strengthening our Clinical Placement System strategy, planning has already started to ensure quality clinical placements for students continue to be provided in SA Health facilities.

SA Health acknowledges that Flinders University is a key partner in training the State's health professional workforce and reinforces its commitment to supporting Flinders' integrated clinical, research and teaching model.

Yours sincerely

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