Nursing partnerships with The University of Sydney offer new opportunities for Western Sydney students

Redeveloping Westmead goes beyond the physical changes on the precinct.

We’re also focusing on reinvigorating the workplace culture and discovering new ways of working.

This week we caught up with Executive Director of Nursing and Midwifery Joanne Edwards to discuss the exciting partnerships between our nurses and The University of Sydney new Master of Nursing course here at Westmead.

The University of Sydney is responding to our healthcare and education needs by offering the Master of Nursing course on our precinct with a focus on involving nursing staff in the process.

Joanne Edwards has been a keen advocate for the inclusion of hospital nursing staff within the framework of the course design.

“Belonging is really important to graduate nurses, it enables them to feel important and valued,” Joanne said.

Joanne expressed a firm desire to foster a sense of inclusiveness and belonging for new students on the precinct as they move through their degree and into the workforce.

“We hope our students will gain valuable experience with us whilst they study and then continue on with us as graduates,” she said.

The partnership opportunities between the university and the precinct are already well established with both Westmead Hospital and The Children’s Hospital at Westmead set to participate in the applicant interviews.

The diversity of precinct healthcare sectors will offer a full range of job opportunities for new graduates.

“We want to be the workplace of choice for Western Sydney graduates looking to start their career,” Joanne said.

Information about the program is available on the University of Sydney website. Applications to study in 2016 close 2 October 2015.

We will bring you more stories about the program in coming weeks, including how the Redevelopment team is building the training space for this important program.
Activity On Site This Week

The contractor for the next phase of early and enabling works are establishing their site offices this week.

Works will take place between Wednesday, 23rd September and Friday 25th September.

Some minor traffic control will be in place while large trucks bring in the site offices.

Please drive slowly and carefully, and follow instructions from site staff.

Pedestrians, please stay on the marked paths.

Thanks for your co-operation.

WHAT WILL BE AFFECTED

ROAD CLOSURES

None. Minor traffic management in place during out of peak hours when the site sheds and equipment are delivered.

CAR PARKING

The parking around the old Executive Building which was being used for the first phase of early works will now be used for the next phase of early works.

Installation of the Early Works Contractor’s Site office