

FAQs document – questions from MEDI7400 Town Hall presentation

Is research still an option for the elective placement and how long is the elective?

The Personal Learning & Development Term or 'Elective' is an 8-week (travel time inclusive) term intended to allow you to undertake a focused period of work of your choosing that allows you to advance your clinical skills, research experience or future career options.

Please confirm arrangements /logistics for preparatory activities– making these remotely accessible rather than in person for same reason as above ie those starting on electives.

Health service compliance related activities will need to be completed in person. However, depending on the arrangement of the site, this could be done outside of intro week. Students will be expected to complete a number of online modules prior to commencement of clinical immersions. More information regarding preparatory activities will be made available to students before the end of the academic year.

For RCS students who haven't been able to do much mental health this year, are we able to do a clinical extension in psychiatry/mental health?

There will not be a clinical extension opportunity for Psychiatry however this may be offered as an Elective placement. Please enquire with your Clinical Unit for further information.

When RCS students leave for clinical extension, will you provide accommodation?

All students who undertake clinical extension in the RCS or RRM placements will be provided with free accommodation. RCS students undertaking clinical extension in Brisbane will be supported with a travel subsidy and an away from home allowance. Students who have friends or family in Brisbane will be encouraged to organise their own accommodation. GBCS students will be encouraged to offer up rooms they are vacating to support RCS & Ochsner colleagues. Additionally, Year 4 RCS students will have priority access to RCS accommodation and will be only paying while in residence so they will be able to direct funds toward short-term accommodation if needed.

Will only 1 student be allocated to each RRM Clinical Extension location (e.g. Warwick), or is there potential for multiple students / are there a capped number of places for each RRM location?

Information on MEDI7400 rural placement experiences - including how many students can be supported at each site, distance, accommodation will be made available on the Mayne Academy of RRM website.

Could RCS students go back to the rural site that they had their rural placement at in year 3 if they have an intention to practice at that rural hospital?

It may not always be possible to go back to the same location as was offered for MEDI7300 rural immersion but wherever possible this will be supported. Please enquire with your Clinical Unit for further information.

Useful information regarding Year 4 Clinical Immersions, allocations and preferencing is available through the [Clinical Immersion page](#) on the Medical School website and the [Clinical Immersion Allocation Guidelines](#).