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WILLIAMS WELCOMES 16 NEW MEDICAL INTERNS

The newly redeveloped Port Macquarie Base Hospital is set to benefit with an additional 16 medical graduates, Member for Port Macquarie, Leslie Williams announced today.

The medical graduates who are today commencing their internship are part of a record 980 interns in the state's public hospitals this year.

"As someone who has worked in the health system, I know how important it is for these doctors-in-training to now have the opportunity to put into practice what they've learned," Mrs Williams said.

"An internship at a local public hospital will provide them with great experience working alongside the many dedicated hospital staff who serve our community."

"During their one-year internship, the 16 graduates will complete compulsory terms in the specialties of medicine, surgery and emergency," Mrs Williams said.

"The commitment to quality care demonstrated by those at Port Macquarie Base Hospital is known throughout the local community and I'm pleased to see these interns learning from some of our best."

"During the next 12 months they will get a wealth of experience not only working in the hospital, but also living in a regional area like ours."

"I know in speaking to interns previously that some will return to regional NSW for their careers and I hope that some will consider making the Mid North Coast their home in the future," Mrs Williams said.

The interns will rotate through metropolitan, regional or rural hospitals, as well as GP practices and, for one network, a private hospital - the Sydney Adventist Hospital (SAN) at Wahroonga.

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