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Secondary School Students -Taste for Nursing

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Background

- Largest single health profession
- Significant challenges = shortage
- Average age nurses in workforce
- Average age of nursing students has risen in the past five years.
- Providing way of attracting school leavers

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Background

- Similar taster workshops
- Aligns with strategic direction of university
- Opportunity to provide notion of nursing
- Make informed choice

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Research

- Aim to evaluate workshops
- Survey participants
- Focus groups for academics and ambassadors
- Evaluation of workshop at Launceston

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Sessions and how the day ran

**Session 1:
Vital signs/
deteriorating
Patient**

**Session 2:
Wound
dressing
using
ANTT/PPE**

**Session 3:
Basic Life
Support**

**Session 4:
Round Table –
'Registered
Nurse
Journeys' &
Q&A**



	Count (N/20)	Percentage (%)
Age:		
16 years	5	25
17 years	12	60
18 years	3	15
Current year of study:		
Year 11	7	35
Year 12	11	55
Plan for further study:		
University	16	80
University and/or TAFE	2	10
TAFE	1	5

	Count (N/20)	Percentage (%)
Place of Birth:		
Tasmania	11	55
Other Australian States	3	15
Overseas (5 Nepal, 1 USA)	6	30
Parent's place of birth:		
Tasmania	9	45
Other Australian States)	6	30
Overseas (NZ, Holland, USA, Timor, Bhutan, Nepal)	5	25

Demographic Data

Interested in attending

- *My future plan to study nursing (10A)*
- *To understand what you do (17I)*
- *To experience what uni could look like (16A)*
- *I would like to attend the nursing course, but would like to further after and go into sonography (1A)*
- *I have an interest in the health industry (5I)*

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What they liked about workshop

- *Very hands on and practical, fun (18A)*
- *PPE session (18A)*
- *Doing CPR (12A)*
- *It was interesting because I've never done it before (8A)*
- *I enjoyed learning practically (14A)*
- *got to know more things about nursing (7I)*
- *The presenters were all really engaging and approachable. (16A)*
- *It was good to talk to the ambassadors (8A)*

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Would have liked more of

- *Everything was good about the workshop (17A)*
- *Larger variety of small activities (2A)*
- *Tour around the nurse part (4A)*
- *Get a feel of uni life (11I)*
- *First section could have been more structured (13A)*
- *Bit more one on one times with teacher (19A)*
- *Very useful and valuable to my future decision (13A)*

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Surprise about nursing areas available

- *It is amazing to see that there are lots of areas in nursing (10I)*
- *it's a big area to work in (16A)*
- *Especially options of educators or research roles. Many, many options that you can choose from (13A)*
- *I have heard about them but it was nice to learn more about them (2A)*

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Whether changed the way they thought about nursing

- *I feel more interested in the field especially orthopaedics and midwifery (4A)*
- *This taster day has inspired me even more to [persue] in this career (14A)*
- *...was already set on becoming a nurse just showed me an aspect of what it can be like. Allows me to help support the decision (13A)*
- *No it has just made me more aware that I want to do it as a career (8A)*

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What aspect inspired them

- *Listening to the ambassadors inspired me to join the industry (5I)*
- *I wasn't sure what uni would be like, but I feel more confident (15A)*
- *...showed me into my future (19A)*
- *... career seems more interesting than I thought (18A)*

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Discussion/conclusion

- Very positive feedback
- Participants identified that they wished to pursue nursing after attending workshop
- Participants felt extremely comfortable about attending university
- Further research opportunities
- Longitudinal study



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Questions???



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