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A Yarn about how Aboriginal Academics are changing the future

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Introduction

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Presentation Aims

• Context of our work environment
• Discuss Flinders Rural Health SA (FRHSA) – Aboriginal Health Strategy
• Future aspirations for the Flinders Rural SA Health Aboriginal Health strategy
FRHSA Aboriginal Health Strategy

• Teaching and Research – Aboriginal Health and Community Engagement
• Support and Mentor Aboriginal Students into Medicine, Nursing and Allied Health
• Community Capacity building
• Building and Maintaining Partnerships
FRHSA Aboriginal Health Strategy

• Aboriginal culture/health/social and emotional wellbeing to Medical students
• Presenting cultural knowledge – connection to country/artefacts/yarning and the relationship to Aboriginal wellbeing/spirituality
• Culturally sensitive Clinical teaching (simulation) with Aboriginal ‘patients’
• Teaching non Aboriginal peers and colleagues
FRHSA Aboriginal Health Strategy

• Evaluation of FRHSA Aboriginal Health Strategy
• Provide advice and leadership to the Aboriginal Health Ethics Committee
• Involved in NAIDOC and cultural events
• Developing school based engagement program
FRHSA Aboriginal Health Strategy

• Providing leadership and support to the Global Muster Event
• International collaborations
Future goals

• Make this program a permanent part of the third year medical program curriculum
• To see more participation within our course by Aboriginal students in medicine, nursing or allied health.
• Health profession expos to allow the local high school students to see the many specialisations in health and different areas that health professionals can obtain work.
• To keep awareness and respect as a value in all that we do whilst passing on the knowledge we have
• To let the students have some fun while learning the beauty and holistic nature of Aboriginal culture.
Questions