Students to scrub up for future medical career

Aspiring doctors, surgeons and medical professionals will get a glimpse into their future when they attend the Future Doctors Program this month.

Thirty hand-selected high school students will learn how to suture a wound, scrub up for surgery and treat a fracture in a series of immersive workshops thanks to the collaborative program between Scitech and The Apprentice Doctor.

Students take part in a week-long series of workshops, discussions and seminars that help to connect the steps between high school student and medical professional.

Throughout the week, attendees will hear from guest speakers and experts covering a range of topics including heart sounds and rates, the ethics behind medicine and the diagnosis of disease.

Scitech Future Doctors Event Coordinator Taylor Bartels said the program was a unique opportunity to get hands-on experience in an industry that may otherwise be unattainable to high school students.

“The Future Doctors Program bridges the gap between education and the medical industry itself, we have found participating students learn a lot about the steps to get from one to the other," Ms Bartels said.

“It’s an excellent experience for those who have medical career aspirations, but also sheds some light on the sheer volume of careers available in the medical field."

The Future Doctors Program runs in selected countries around the world, with 2018 marking its second year in Australia.

Scitech offers the program in collaboration with The Apprentice Doctor ® and Harry Perkins Institute of Medical Research.

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