Canterbury Hospital doctor receives statewide award

Canterbury Hospital’s Dr Allan Kelly has achieved statewide recognition for his contribution to the education and support of junior doctors, receiving with the Geoff Marel JMO Manager of the Year Award.

Dr Kelly is the hospital’s Chair of the General Clinical Training Committee and Head of Department in Paediatrics and the award is one of the top honours presented by the NSW Health Education and Training Institute.

It recognises the work of an individual who has made a substantial contribution to the education and support of junior doctors – including Junior Medical Officers and Resident Medical Officers.

Canterbury’s General Manager, Ann Kelly, said the award was well deserved and the whole hospital was proud of Dr Kelly’s achievement.

“Dr Kelly has always provided outstanding support and instruction to our young doctors and I am glad that his commitment and dedication is being recognised beyond the hospital,” Ms Kelly said.

Dr Kelly said that he was honored to stand alongside the health system’s dedicated teachers, supervisors and mentors in all sectors.

“I see them every day in every department supporting and nurturing junior doctors in so many ways through the early years of their careers,” said Dr Kelly.

“Although I am the named recipient of the award, many others are just as deserving and I share it with them.

“Thank you to all the JMOs who thought me worthy of such recognition. It was an honour be able to help you in whatever way I did and I am delighted and humbled that you think I made a difference.”

Canterbury Hospital’s Medical Officers submitted a glowing testimonial detailing his dedication to their support and education.

“Dr Kelly is a great mentor and supervisor of junior doctors – supporting and pushing career oriented goals. He is an advocate for junior medical staff education via the General Clinical Training Committee and assists the current Director of Prevocational Education and Training, having been one himself.”

“He offers great insight into developing and promoting courses and online modules for medical officers, ensuring junior staff have undertaken relevant courses to help with clinical management at work.
“Dr Kelly is always asking junior doctors how they are coping and adjusting rosters and timetables accordingly to ensure a safe working environment.”

“Dr Kelly has always been actively involved in mentoring the JMOs passing through Canterbury Hospital. Secondment hospitals are often difficult environments to work in, but Dr Kelly always knew each of the JMOs passing through, even if they did not have direct involvement with his specialty team. He ensured that support was given and advice provided where required.”