

IPSWICH HOSPITAL

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Hi my name is Dr Dan Bitmeed, I am an emergency department staff specialist at Ipswich Hospital. Ipswich Hospital is a regional general hospital located in the West Moreton South Burnett Health Service District. The hospital offers general medical and general surgical specialties and has a busy emergency department and offers numerous clinical specialties. The Ipswich Hospital services the Ipswich area as well as many surrounding rural communities. Ipswich is one of the fastest growing cities in Australia and as a result were getting a new redevelopment in 2011-2012. This is great opportunity, a great time for Ipswich Hospital it provides an opportunity for junior medical staff and senior medical staff to work in a dynamic clinical environment. This is going to give all medical staff the opportunity to meet the challenge of providing quality health care in a fast growing and changing community. As an Ipswich local I have seen the hospital change and grow as well. I did my internship here in 1998 and stayed on until 2002 as a PHO and Registrar, then after gaining experience in several other regional and tertiary hospitals I came back as a staff specialist in the Emergency Department. I now work $\frac{3}{4}$ time here at Ipswich Hospital and $\frac{1}{4}$ at Care Flight Medical Services in Brisbane. Ipswich Hospital is a friendly and supportive environment. It gives all medical staff the opportunity to grow and develop personally and professionally. Getting to know most medical staff in the hospital makes your day to day work easier it gives you the opportunity to learn from a variety of doctors about the delivery of quality and complex medical care both junior and senior. Even though there are less sub specialty than some of the tertiary hospitals, this is actually a good thing. When you do your general medical and general surgical rotations you will get nice general experience, you will see a wide variety of clinical presentations. This provides junior doctors at Ipswich Hospital the opportunity to try things out, see what suits them, see what they like. As a junior doctor at Ipswich Hospital you are not just a face in the crowd you are a valuable part of the team. As you are well know to the staff you are well supervised and well supported. You are given the opportunity to develop new clinical skills as well as given the supervision you need as a junior doctor. Ipswich Hospital is an excellent hospital to start your medical career, it not only gives you good general medical experience, but give you the opportunity to kick start specialist training. There are plenty of specialist training opportunities at Ipswich Hospital, remember you don't have to be in a tertiary hospital to get into specialty training these days. I started my career at Ipswich Hospital and I encourage you to do the same.

INTERN - DR NIGEL PAGE

Hello, my name is Nigel Page, I am one of the interns here at Ipswich General Hospital and I am on the rural generalist program. I am a aboriginal man from the Gun Leader, Wunyee and Kakadoo tribes of north west Queensland and I was born and bred in Mt Isa. Now today I am going to talk to you about why I chose Ipswich General Hospital for my internship and for the record Ipswich was my first preference. The first reason was I wanted a differing culture compared to the north Queensland way of life. I wanted to experience different towns and the differing culture from other towns throughout Queensland, but also especially the indigenous tribe from Queensland I wanted to go out and learn more indigenous tribes so that when I go back to my own community my experiences will benefit them.

INTERN - DR JODIE ROSS

I'm Jodie Ross I started my internship here at Ipswich Hospital after completing my medical degree at the University of Queensland last year. Throughout my 3rd and 4th year the clinical years of the amphibious program I did several of my clinical placements out here and found it to be a really supportive environment with great clinical teachers and I thought why not come back here and do my internship here. There is always someone to help you out and ask questions if you don't know and

they are always really approachable and friendly. You are not just a face but a member of the team and you are important in looking after the patient. Ipswich Hospital was my first preference for internship and after doing my first rotation here I am really glad I picked this as my hospital.

JHO - DR JESS SMITH

Hi, I am Dr Jess Smith, I completed my internship at Ipswich Hospital in 2009 and decided to stay on as a junior house officer. While Ipswich Hospital may have fewer rotations choices than the other bigger hospitals in south east Queensland, I have found that you are more likely to get the rotations that you want and the rotations that suit your future career direction. Plus the roistering staff are very accommodating and approachable. I have found the hospital to be very welcoming and friendly and I have never felt like I have been lost in the system. Living locally I have found Ipswich very affordable place to live. It provides a great opportunity to explore the surrounding country or it is very easy to head back to Brisbane on the weekends to catch up with friends. I am very pleased that I made the move to Ipswich and that I am working at Ipswich Hospital.

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Voted the 2008 most livable medium size city in the world, Ipswich is a vibrant city with a sub-tropical climate that offers an affordable lifestyle with an impressive array of experiences and attractions to suit everybody, every lifestyle and every budget. Located just 40km west from the Queensland capital of Brisbane, an hour from the Gold Coast and an hour from Toowoomba, Ipswich combines reach heritage with the energy of being the hub of the south east Queensland growth region. Within 20 minutes of Ipswich is the scenic rim which provides the opportunity to explore historic townships, visit wineries, browse country markets, and marvel at the wonders of national parks. With direct rail links to Brisbane and an extensive road transport network, commuting between Brisbane and Ipswich is a realistic option for those that choose to live in Brisbane and work in Ipswich. Those living in Ipswich who wants easy access to the cosmopolitan attractions of the state capital or those seeking the rural life of the nearby Brisbane valley. Ipswich is one the fastest growing cities in Australia and is the hub of south east Queensland, Ipswich is the place to be.