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Scholarship helps to kick-start studies

Former Bowral High School student Mitchell Brummell can ease into his university studies with less of a financial burden thanks to a \$4000 scholarship.

Mitchell is the recipient of the 2016 Bowral & District Hospital Centenary Scholarship and will partake in a ceremony on Friday, March 4 at 4pm in Bowral & District Hospital's lecture room.

Mitchell was accepted into a Bachelor of Medical and Health Sciences at the University of Wollongong and said he couldn't be happier about receiving the four year scholarship.

"The scholarship will help cover some costs related to my degree including text books which I feel will give me the advantage I need to complete it," Mitchell said.

The annual scholarship is given out to recently graduated high school students who are enrolled in a health related course at university.

"Rural health is really important to me which is why I originally applied for the scholarship. I'd like to focus on my studies and the end goal of becoming a doctor who works in a rural community," Mitchell said.

"I lived in Grattai NSW when I was younger and saw a gap in health care while I was there which I'd like to address when I graduate," he said.

Bowral & District Hospital General Manager Valerie Jovanovic said the centenary scholarship was established in 1989 by the staff and since then has been sought after by students in the Wingecarribee Shire.

"The Centenary Scholarship has been offered for 27 years and continues to be supported by staff and volunteers through fundraising and donations from within our community," she said.

Ms Jovanovic said the event forms as a reminder that applications for the scholarship in 2017 are now open.

"Mitchell may be this year's recipient but he is one of many of our recipients who've gone into either nursing or medicine and I'd like to encourage those interested to apply for next year's scholarship," Ms Jovanovic said.

To apply or request an information package, please contact Rebecca Reid on 4861 0288 or email Rebecca.Reid2@sswahs.nsw.gov.au