

## Professor Boon Chua: Driving stronger collaborations

World-renowned clinical and academic leader in cancer research and care, Professor Boon Chua is energised by the opportunities for health-science integration to drive improvements in patient care and outcomes at Randwick. She's been driving new approaches at the Prince of Wales Hospital and UNSW since moving to Randwick in late 2016 from the Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre in Melbourne.

'The Randwick Health and Education Precinct has a long history of collaboration but we are leveraging the genuine cross-sector alignment of the Randwick vision to strengthen this collaboration through systematic integration of clinicians and scientists across all tumour streams as the logical platform' Professor Chua said.

The culture of collaboration is being supported across the Precinct with new investment from the NSW Government including a new Acute Services Building and from the UNSW with investment in new equipment and services. New programs are bringing clinicians and scientists together to explore ways and drive changes to further embed research as an integral element of patient care and ensure that every interaction with our patients is a learning experience.

Working across the Prince of Wales Hospital and the UNSW means that Professor Chua is ideally placed to realise the opportunities and benefits of integrated healthcare, research and education. 'When we improve research collaboration, we raise our standard of patient care by injecting academic rigour in our clinical practice,

*'We're changing the thinking that research is done in a lab or high-cost clinical trials to systematically embedding academic rigour in our daily interactions with patients as an opportunity to learn, and improve the care we provide.'*



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and ensure our patients have access to cutting-edge, high quality care' Professor Chua said.

'Our clear view at Randwick is that our patients deserve the best care in the world; the way we develop our people, now and in the future, how we invest in talents and infrastructure, and how we collaborate strategically is critical to delivering the best patient care,' she said.

Professor Chua is proud of the benefits of precinct-wide collaboration being delivered for the patients, community and staff. 'Change is seldom easy. However, the investment and collaboration across the health, research and education sectors are proving a great catalyst for change and growth, instilling a new sense of dynamism and energy across the precinct' she said.