

Royal Institution for Deaf and Blind Children

1957 – 1973

Details

The Royal Institution for Deaf and Blind Children was the new name given to the Institution for the Deaf, Dumb and the Blind in 1957, when Queen Elizabeth II conferred the title 'Royal' on the Darlington school and residential facility. The Institution moved to North Rocks in 1962 and the old building was acquired by Sydney University. In 1973 the organisation changed its name to the Royal Institution for Deaf and Blind Children.

By 1959 the directors of the Royal Institution for Deaf and Blind Children were aware that the Darlington premises were no longer suitable. It purchased land at North Rocks and commenced building a complex that was officially opened in 1963.

The Institution partnered with the Department of Education to provide services to deaf-blind children in 1965 and by 1967 a preschool had been established at the North Rocks site. The organisation changed its name to the Royal Institute for Deaf and Blind Children in 1973.

Gallery



Deaf, Dumb and Blind Institute building, Darlington

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North Rocks School

Description: This image shows the main entrance to the Royal Institute for Deaf and Blind Children.

More info

Chronology

- Deaf and Dumb Institution (1860 - 1869)
 - New South Wales Institution for the Deaf, Dumb and Blind (1869 - 1957)

- **Royal Institution for Deaf and Blind Children (1957 – 1973)**
 - Royal Institute for Deaf and Blind Children (1973 - 2021)
 - NextSense (2021 - current)

Records

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Records

- [Records of the Royal Institution for Deaf and Blind Children \(1862 - current\)](#)
 - [School Files \(1876 - 1979\)](#)
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