

THE HISTORY OF RNS HOSPITAL SCHOOL



The Department of Education first provided education for unwell children in 1923 with the establishment of 4 hospital schools. Royal North Shore Hospital School was among these first hospital schools.

The school has always been attached to the Children's Ward but has occupied varying locations. From the early 1990's the school operated in a demountable classroom adjacent to the old Children's Ward.



In August 2003 the children's ward was moved to the newly completed Douglas Building.

In 2023 we celebrated 100 years of hospital schools. There are 10 in total across NSW.



The school is now currently situated on Level 7 of the Clinical Services Building.

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Royal North Shore Hospital School provides educational services to support continuity of education for all students from Kindergarten to year 12.

WHAT DO WE DO?

Teach K-12 students from all sectors of education across 115 subjects offered by the DoE

Work with outpatients and those in the Child and Adolescent Short Stay Unit

Assist students sitting their HSC

Educate siblings and children of patients in other wards

HOPE Hospital Outreach Program in Education

HITH Hospital In the Home

Educate students in isolation

THE WHY...

Hospital schools are designed to help children and adolescents continue their education while undergoing medical treatment. Here are some of the ways they help:

- **Routine & Normality:** Helping students have some structure and a positive focus while in treatment or recovery.
- **Educational Continuity:** Making sure students don't miss out on learning, even when they're in the hospital.
- **Personal Learning Plans:** Supporting each student with a learning plan tailored to their health and academic needs.
- **Emotional Support:** Helping students manage feelings of stress, anxiety, or separation from school.
- **Guidance Services:** Guiding families of sick students with education advice, processes, and giving support.
- **Transition Support:** Liaising with students' home schools, to support a successful pathway back to regular learning.

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HOPE is a wellbeing based program, designed to provide essential support for students in need of both wellbeing and educational assistance. This supplementary program is specifically tailored to individual student needs and works alongside schools and families by offering additional support to students whose regular attendance is affected by medical reasons and/or conditions.

HITH (HOSPITAL IN THE HOME)

HITH is the second branch of our HOPE program. Our main approach is to offer educational services to students/patients who have been discharged from hospital or moved to HITH and are unable to attend school immediately after discharge due to their health/ medical condition. Students' attendance in this program would be short term while they continue undergoing medical treatment or attending outpatient appointments, which may prevent regular attendance at their home school.

