

Kingsdene Special School and Residential Service

1976 – 2010

Other Names:

- Kingsdene Special School and Hostel
- Kingsdene Special School

Details

Kingsdene Special School at Telopea provided schooling and residential care to children aged 10-18 from March 1976. It was run by Anglicare, who described it as being for children and young people with “moderate to severe intellectual disabilities”. It closed in 2010 due to a lack of funding to continue operations. At the time of closure Anglicare stated that it was the only school in Australia providing education and accommodation for children with intellectual disabilities. Following the closure of the school, one of the buildings was redeveloped to support the expansion of work by Anglicare Out-of-Home Care Services.

Dave Earl's thesis describes Kingsdene as a “semi-residential high school”. It contains the story of Julia, born in the early 1980s, who would spend weeknights at the school and weekends at home with her family (Earl, 2007, p.133).

Gallery



Kingsdene Special School - Telopea

Description: This is a photo of the Kingsdene Special School at Telopea. It shows a wide single-storey brick building, with the words 'Kingsdene Special School' written on the side. Decorations can be seen displayed in the windows.

More info

Related Entries

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- [Anglicare \(1997 - current\)](#)

Resources

- Earl, Dave, [Caring for the Children. Forever: Parent-run organisations for children with disabilities in New South Wales, 1950-1968](#), 2007

Records

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