



Royal Far West

Children's health, country-wide

Paediatric Developmental *Program*



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The PDP is a multidisciplinary health program for country children with complex needs. It helps children and families from rural and remote areas to access high-quality child development care. The program is intended to help parents and guardians who are struggling to access specialist services and support. Our team of experienced health professionals specialise in child development, trauma-informed practice, and the holistic assessment and management of complex child health needs.

Who is it for?

The PDP is for country children aged 0-12 years with complex health needs.

How does it work?

The first step is for a child to receive a referral from a qualified health professional (e.g. a GP) to participate in the PDP. Once the referral has been made, then a parent or legal guardian needs to book an appointment to visit Royal Far West (RFW).

Children and their families travel to RFW in Manly for a week-long stay, during which they have access to a multidisciplinary team that includes:

- Neurodevelopmental Paediatrics
- Child and Adolescent Psychiatry
- Speech Pathology
- Psychology
- Occupational Therapy
- Social Work
- Special Educators
- Dietetics
- Orthoptic, Ophthalmology, Therapeutic Recreation and Dental Services

Families stay onsite at our dedicated guesthouse, Drummond House. When children aren't in appointments, they attend the onsite NSW Department of Education School and they can also participate in our other recreational programs.

Continued support options

Families often participate in the PDP for several years, and make multiple visits to RFW. In between visits, we work with local schools and services to support families, and use telecare wherever possible to support, review and provide ongoing therapy.

Learn more

Visit the PDP webpage
www.royalfarwest.org.au/paediatric-development-program

Or call Royal Far West on
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