

## School of the Air

Australia is a huge country with many small communities living far from any major city. Being so small, these towns cannot afford to build a school and so, in the 1950s, School of the Air began [*we actually hear “school on the air” but the generic term is “school of the air”*]. It was a project of the Royal Flying Doctor Service. School of the Air is an education programme for children living in isolated communities in the Australian outback. The programme has been running for over 60 years and delivers a quality primary and early secondary education. At first, the schooling was done by the radio with students working at home with parents or tutors. Now that the internet has reached the outback, students have access to videos, conversations with their teacher and they’re also able to send their work back to school very quickly compared to posting it by normal mail in the early years.