

TEACHERS COLLEGE KEY DATES

1962

Wollongong Teachers College opens under the auspices of the NSW Department of Education. First student enrolments in the 2 year course for Primary and Infants Teachers. Classes were originally located in a temporary home at the nearby Wollongong Technical College in North Wollongong. College Principal: William C. McGrath; Vice Principal: Dr F. C. Whitebrook; Warden of Women Students: Hazel Holmwood.

1965

College officially opened by the Hon. Charles Cutler, NSW Minister for Education, on 22 October 1965. The Music Centre, Library and Gymnasium buildings were all completed prior to this. A 3 year course for Diploma of Physical Education introduced.

1960's

1963

First buildings (Administration office and Lecture blocks) completed on the site of the College's permanent home at the foot of Mount Keira (immediately west of Wollongong University College). Classes transfer to the new site.

First graduation ceremony for students of the Wollongong Teachers College held on 12 December 1963 at the Joint High Schools Assembly Hall in North Wollongong.

1965+

Each year a small number of students and two lecturers go to Papua and New Guinea for Practice Teaching. Also a number of teachers from Commonwealth countries (Guyana, Mauritius, Zambia, Tanzania, Uganda, Lesotho, Fiji, Samoa, Gilbert and Ellice Islands and Hong Kong) come to the College to further their studies, particularly in Infant Education and Physical Education.

1969

Walter Pike succeeds Dr Whitebrook as Vice Principal.

1970

Royal visit of Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II and their Royal Highnesses, the Duke of Edinburgh and Princess Anne to the Wollongong Teachers College on 10 April 1970, meeting representatives of educational institutions from throughout the Illawarra District.

1972

Completion of the Lecturers' office block and first stage of the Students' Union building.

1974

Wollongong Teachers College becomes the Wollongong Institute of Education.

1978

Walter Pike succeeds Maurice Hale as Institute Director.

1970's

1971

NSW Minister for Education announces on 1 September 1971 that Wollongong Teachers College will become a college of advanced education under the Advanced Education Act of 1969.

1973

Maurice Hale succeeds William McGrath as College Principal.

1977

The Institute is incorporated as a college of advanced education on 16 November 1977.

1979

Wollongong Institute of Education becomes an autonomous institution on 31 August 1979, under the provisions of the Colleges of Advanced Education Act of 1975.

1980

Peter Rousch succeeds Walter Pike as Institute Director.

1982

The autonomous Wollongong Institute of Education is officially dissolved on 21 May 1982 and formally amalgamated with the University of Wollongong. A new Institute of Advanced Education sector is formed within the University; comprising a (new) School of Education and several other units, bringing together various advanced education courses. Last graduation ceremony for students of the former Wollongong Institute of Education held at the Wollongong Town Hall on 23 April 1982.

2002

Reunion held to commemorate the 40th anniversary of the Founding of the College.

1980's

2000's

1984

As part of a broader University wide restructure, a new Faculty of Education is formed on 31 January 1984 from the merger of the Institute's School of Education and the University's own long established Department of Education (based within the Faculty of Social Sciences).

2012

50th Anniversary celebrations.