St Mary's School for the Deaf

1948 – 1985
Other Names:
- Portsea School for Deaf Children
- Delgany
- St Mary's Home for the Deaf and Dumb

Details

St Mary's School for the Deaf was run by the Dominican Sisters and was situated in Portsea. Formerly, the building had been an Australian Camp Hospital and officers' convalescent home. It opened in February 1948. In the 1950s, it catered for boys aged 3-10 and girls aged 3-16, all of whom had hearing difficulties. St Mary's was sold in 1985.

A newspaper article from November 1948 stated that St Mary's had 38 pupils in residence. It described how the "solid stone building which was the garage of 'Delgany' has been converted into five classrooms. In two of these rooms special hearing apparatus has been installed for the use of the pupils" (Advocate, 1948).

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St Mary's Home for the Deaf and Dumb, Portsea, VIC

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- St Mary's School for the Deaf (1950-85), Finding Records, No date. *Relevance:* See the 'List of records held by the department' section for information about records relating to St Mary's School for the Deaf
- Hellwig, Elizabeth, *Sisters in service: Dominican lay sisters in Eastern Australia 1867-2017*, 2020
- *Deaf children at Portsea*, The Advocate, 15 February 1951

Records

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