

Marymead Child and Family Centre

1967 –

Other Names:

- Marymead
- Marymead Children's Centre

URL: <http://www.marymead.org.au/>

Details

Marymead Child and Family Centre was established in 1967 in Narrabundah. It was run by the Franciscan Missionaries of Mary, until the Catholic Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn took over responsibility in 1986. In 2018, Marymead continues to provide residential care for girls and boys aged 5 to 17, as well as foster care and support programs.

Marymead Child and Family Centre initially provided temporary residential care for children – placed by parents or by welfare officials. When it opened it could accommodate 60 children with 10 in each cottage home. It is estimated that 4,000 – 5,000 children have stayed at the home since it opened.

Marymead continues to provide residential care for girls and boys aged 5 to 17 as well as family support programs, foster care, disability support, literacy and language support, research into issues impacting children and counselling services.

Gallery



Group of homes at the Marymead Childrens Centre

Description: This image shows several buildings at the Marymead Children's Centre in Narrabundah, ACT.



Children playing inside Marymead Children's Centre, Canberra

Description: This image shows young children playing on tricycles inside the Marymead Children's Centre at Narrabundah, ACT.

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- [Franciscan Missionaries of Mary \(1941 - current\)](#)
Date: 1967 - 1986
- [Catholic Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn \(1948 - current\)](#)
Date: 1986 -

Related Organisations

- [Birralee \(1957? - 1968\)](#)

The Birralee shelter does not appear in annual reports after 1967. The decision to close the shelter may have been related to the opening of Marymead in February 1967 and the establishment of the the Welfare Section of the Department of Interior after which there were no government-run shelters or homes, apart from the Quamby Youth Detention Centre operating in the ACT.

Resources

- Moran, Louise, [Marymead Child and Family Centre \(1967 - \)](#), The Australian Women's Register, 20 February 2013
- [Marymead loses 'Sister-mudder'](#), The Canberra Times, 28 November 1970

Records

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