

Royal Park Industrial School

1875 – c. 1887

Other Names:

- Boys' Industrial School (Receiving Depot), Royal Park
- Girls' Industrial School (Receiving Depot), Royal Park

Details

The Royal Park Industrial School opened in Parkville in 1875. It accommodated girls until around 1880 when the girls were transferred to the Industrial School at Geelong, and boys from Sunbury's Industrial School came to Royal Park. At about this time the Industrial School became known as the Royal Park Depot.

The Royal Park Industrial School opened in 1875, in Parkville. It accommodated only girls until around 1880. At this time, anticipating the end of the industrial school system, the government transferred girls from Royal Park to the Industrial School at Geelong. At the same time, boys from Sunbury's Industrial School came to Royal Park, to await boarding-out placements.

In 1879, departmental reports referred to the 'Melbourne Industrial School and Receiving House'. The Receiving House, situated on Flemington Road, was a predecessor to what became known as the Royal Park Depot. In the early 1880s, the Boys' and Girls' Depots were still being referred to as 'industrial schools'. This term had stopped being used by 1887 (when new terminology came into use with the passage of the Neglected Children's Act).

Children were housed at Royal Park before the formal establishment of the Industrial School. Due to overcrowding, children were housed at the former Royal Park Asylum in 1867. Children were later moved out of Royal Park when a small-pox epidemic necessitated that the buildings be used as a hospital.

Gallery



Royal Park, training school and benevolent home for homeless children 1874-5

Description: This is a copy of a photograph of buildings that once were the Royal Park Industrial School (and after that housed other institutions).

More info

Chronology

- **Royal Park Industrial School (1875 – c. 1887)**
 - Royal Park Depot (c. 1880 - 1955)

Related Entries

Run by

- [Department of Industrial and Reformatory Schools, Colony of Victoria \(1864 - 1887\)](#)
Date: 1875 - 1887

Related Organisations

- [Immigrants' Aid Society \(1853 - c. 1902\)](#)
The site and buildings of the Royal Park Industrial School were given to the Immigrants' Aid Society in 1882.
- [Sunbury Industrial School \(1865 - 1880?\)](#)
In around 1880, boys from Sunbury Industrial School were transferred to the Royal Park Industrial School.
- [Geelong Industrial School \(c. 1865 - c. 1880\)](#)

Resources

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- Golding, Frank, [Lost & Found: State Children in Victoria](#), Frank Golding: author, researcher, historian and consultant specialising in child welfare, 27 July 2017
- [North West Hospital, Parkville Campus](#), Victorian Heritage Database, No date

Records

For more information and to access your records, follow the links below:

Records held by other organisations

- [Victorian Government Wardship and/or Out of Home Care Records \(1864 - current\)](#)
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