

# Lincoln House

c. 1939 – 1950

**Other Names:** • Central Mission Hostel for Boys

## Details

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Lincoln House, Melbourne, was established by the Central Mission in around 1939. It was a hostel for around 20 young men who were leaving the Tally Ho Boys' Training Farm and looking for employment. Lincoln House closed in 1950.

Lincoln House was a hostel in King Street, Melbourne, established by the Central Mission to cater for older boys when they left Tally Ho Training Farm to seek employment (around 25% of boys leaving Tally Ho went to Lincoln House).

A publication in 1940 described Lincoln House:

*For those who have aspirations towards factory or other work in the city, a hostel is provided in Melbourne for the boy who has no home. About twenty-eight boys live at Lincoln House and work in industry. Occasionally boys from the country and other institutions are given a home also, for, when these lads start, their wages are not sufficient for them to go to a guest house, and they need more attention and guidance than these places usually provide ... The boys have their religious, social and educational activities cared for also, and an attempt is made to guide them safely through the turbulent years of adolescence.*

Like many other hostels during this period, Lincoln House received some subsidy from the state government.

The hostel closed on 6 May 1950.

## Gallery

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**Lincoln House, Hostel for Boys**

**Description:** This is a copy of an image that appeared in the publication, *For whom the trail is steep* (1940).

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## More info

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### Related Entries

**Run by**

- [Wesley Central Mission \(1893 - 1977\)](#)

#### Related Organisations

- [Tally Ho Boys' Training Farm \(1903 - 1986\)](#)  
Boys leaving Tally Ho to work in the city sometimes lived at Lincoln House.

## Resources

- Central Mission Boys' Training Farm, Tally Ho, *For whom the trail is steep*, 1940
- Wesley Central Mission, Melbourne, *The Central Mission Report for 1940*, 1940

## Records

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

### Records held by other organisations

- [Wesley Mission Victoria Records \(1902 - current\)](#)
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