

MacKillop Family Services Records, Victorian institutions

1857 –

To access these records:

Please contact the General Manager of Heritage and Information Service,
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Website: <https://www.mackillop.org.au/records-enquiry-form>

Records Location

These records are held by [MacKillop Family Services \(1997 - current\)](#)

Details

MacKillop Family Services holds more than 115,000 individual records relating to children and mothers who were in institutions in the state of Victoria run by the Christian Brothers, Sisters of Mercy and the Sisters of St Joseph. The collection dates from 1857 onwards, and includes client admission registers, admission cards and paper files, photographs, annual reports, newspaper cuttings, policy documents and various items of memorabilia.

Access Conditions

Conditional Access – Former residents (and their families) can contact the Heritage and Information Service at MacKillop Family Services to gain access to records. The Heritage and Information Service recommends people contact them through the Records Enquiry Form on the website.

Records

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Records of the various orphanages, homes and other residences run by the Christian Brothers, Sisters of Mercy and Sisters of St Joseph in Victoria were transferred to MacKillop Family Services in 1997. While custodianship of the records about people in 'care' became the responsibility of MacKillop Family Services at this point, it was formally agreed that the intellectual property in these records would not change hands.

Former residents should be aware that many record sets are incomplete. In the past, there were not legislative requirements for the non-government sector to keep records indefinitely. In many cases, because the institutions like the orphanages listed here no longer exist, and they were not legally bound to keep records indefinitely, the historical records are no longer available. Regrettably, some information has simply been destroyed or lost over

time.

More info

Organisations in these records

Related Organisations

- [St Augustine's Boys' Orphanage \(c. 1855 - 1939\)](#)
- [Sisters of Mercy, Melbourne Congregation \(1857 - 2011\)](#)
- [St Vincent de Paul Orphanage \(1857 - 1874\)](#)
- [Our Lady's Orphanage \(c. 1862 - 1912\)](#)
- [St Joseph's Industrial School \(1865 - c. 1895\)](#)
- [St Vincent de Paul Girls' Orphanage \(1874 - 1962\)](#)
- [St Vincent de Paul Orphanage for Boys \(1874 - 1967\)](#)
- [St Joseph's Home for Destitute Children, The Society of St Vincent de Paul \(1888 - 1890\)](#)
- [St Joseph's Home for Destitute Children, Sisters of St Joseph \(1890 - 1925\)](#)
- [St Joseph's Foundling Hospital \(1901 - 1975\)](#)
- [St Joseph's Receiving Home \(1902 - 1985\)](#)
- [St Catherine's Orphanage \(1912 - 1960\)](#)
- [St Anthony's Children's Home \(c. 1921 - 1943\)](#)
- [St Joseph's Home for Boys \(1925 - c. 1967\)](#)
- [St Augustine's Orphanage \(1939 - 1966\)](#)
- [St Anthony's Home \(1943 - 1976\)](#)
- [St Joseph's Nursery \(1959 - 1976?\)](#)
- [St Catherine's Children's Home \(1960 - 1975\)](#)
- [St Vincent de Paul Children's Home \(1962 - 1992\)](#)
- [St Augustine's Boys' Home \(1966 - 1988\)](#)
- [St Joseph's Home for Children, Sisters of St Joseph \(1967 - 1991\)](#)
- [St Vincent de Paul Boys' Home \(1967 - 1997\)](#)
- [Geelong Foster Care \(1974 - 1997\)](#)
- [St Joseph's Babies' Home \(1975 - 1985\)](#)
- [Colac Foster Care \(1975? - 1997?\)](#)
- [Mercy Family Care Centre \(c. 1975 - 1997\)](#)
- [St Anthony's Family Service \(1976 - 1997\)](#)
- [St Joseph's Babies' and Family Service \(1985 - 1997\)](#)
- [St Augustine's Adolescent and Family Services \(1988 - 1997\)](#)
- [St Joseph's Home for Children, Christian Brothers \(1991 - 1997\)](#)
- [St Vincent de Paul Child and Family Services \(1992 - 1997\)](#)
- [Christian Brothers' Child Youth and Family Services \(19 October 1995 - 1 July 1997\)](#)
- [Institute of Sisters of Mercy of Australia and Papua New Guinea \(12 December 2011 - current\)](#)

MacKillop Family Services acquired the records of institutions run by the Sisters of Mercy, Melbourne, which was a previous entity to the Institute of the Sisters of Mercy of Australia and Papua New Guinea.
