

Departmental Children's Homes Files

1955 – 1987

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Details

Departmental Children's Homes Files is an archival series held by the Public Record Office of Victoria, and is identified by the series number VPRS 18072/P0001. The records in this series date from 1955 to 1987, and were created by interactions between the various Victorian government departments responsible for child welfare and departmental children's Homes. The Departmental Children's Homes Files contain information about institutions and their administration, as well as about the children who lived in these Homes.

Access Conditions

Some records in this series are on open access.

Others are restricted to the public (for a period of 99 years from the date of the record) because they contain personal or private information about children.

Records

The records in Departmental Children's Homes Files document interactions between children's Homes run by the Victorian government with the various departments responsible for child welfare for the period 1955 to 1987.

This filing system was created in 1975 combining earlier correspondence and other records to create one system with 'DH' prefixes.

There are several file types: general, staff, works and statistics.

The information about institutions found in Departmental Children's Homes Files includes: declarations regarding the establishment of an Approved Children's Home, inspectors' reports, health inspector and hygiene reports, research studies, applications for grants, reports from interviews with staff, progress reports of programs, agency plans, reviews, financial information, works information, staffing matters, proposed constitution of Home, complaints against staff, proposals for future development, purchase of properties, and closure of Homes.

The information about children found in Departmental Children's Homes Files includes: State Ward placements, holiday placements for State Wards, allegations and investigations of abuse against children, lists of children's

names for placement, consents for medical treatments, child admissions and discharges, incident reports, lists of child absconders, and closure of Homes.

Finding Aids

The [Finding Records](#) website has detailed information about the contents of Departmental Children's Homes Files – the pages on Finding Records about particular Homes provide listings of any files within the Departmental Children's Homes Files series relating to that Home.

More info

Organisations in these records

Related Organisations

- [Children's Welfare Department, State Government of Victoria \(1924 - 1960\)](#)
- [Northcote Farm School \(1937 - 1979\)](#)
- [Turana \(1955 - 1993\)](#)
- [Sutton Grange \(1957 - 1977\)](#)
- [Hillside Boys' Home \(1959 - c. 1985\)](#)
- [Social Welfare Branch, State Government of Victoria \(1960 - 1970\)](#)
- [Allambie Reception Centre \(1961 - 1990\)](#)
- [Pirra Girls' Home \(1961 - c. 1980\)](#)
- [Ballarat Reception Centre \(1961 - 1982?\)](#)
- [The Gables \(1962 - 1985\)](#)
- [Miralee Reception Centre \(1963 - 1986?\)](#)
- [Illoura Children's Home \(1964 - 1984\)](#)
- [Baltara Reception Centre \(1968 - c. 1992\)](#)
- [Social Welfare Department, State Government of Victoria \(1970 - 1978\)](#)
- [Department of Community Welfare Services, State Government of Victoria \(1978 - 1985\)](#)
- [Community Services Victoria, State Government of Victoria \(1985 - 1992\)](#)

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