

St Joseph's Home for Children, Croydon

1925 – 1981

Other Names: • St Joseph's Home, Croydon

Details

St Joseph's Home, Croydon, run by the Sisters of St Joseph of the Sacred Heart, was established in 1925. It was intended for the care of boys and girls (including siblings) aged three to seven years who were defined as orphans, neglected and destitute. St Joseph's Home amalgamated with St Anthony's Croydon at the end of 1979 and the remaining children were moved into foster care in St Joseph's Cottages.

St Joseph's Home, Croydon, run by the Sisters of St Joseph of the Sacred Heart, was established in 1926, in a fine house on Liverpool Road called 'Roslyn House'.

The house was a donation from Mr and Mrs Stuart Patterson, who bought it from Maurice J Savage and presented it to the Sisters of St Joseph in 1925. Initially, it accommodated 150 children. A new wing was added in 1927, a dormitory was added in 1945, and the building was renovated and further expanded between 1951 and 1953. In the years 1959-1963 the Home took in 356 children.

Children in St Joseph's were generally from single parent families, or households stricken by illness or disadvantage. Many children returned to their families, but some remained in the Home throughout their early childhood.

St Joseph's was founded specifically to keep siblings from the same family together, so took boys and girls. Ordinarily boys who reached the age of seven were sent on to Westmead Boys Home, while girls were sent to Lane Cove. However, siblings could be retained, finishing their schooling locally.

More info

Chronology

- **St Joseph's Home for Children, Croydon (1925 – 1981)**
 - St Joseph's Cottages (1980 - 2003)

Related Entries

Run by

- [Sisters of St Joseph of the Sacred Heart \(1866 - current\)](#)

Related Organisations

- [St Joseph's Orphanage, Kincumber \(1887 - 1979\)](#)
Older boys were transferred from St Joseph's Home Croydon to St Joseph's Kincumber
- [St Vincent's Boys' Home \(1891 - 1985\)](#)
Older boys were transferred from St Joseph's Home Croydon to St Vincent's Westmead
- [St Joseph's Girls' Home \(1900 - 1979\)](#)
Older girls were transferred from St Joseph's Home Croydon to St Joseph's Home Lane Cove
- [St Anthony's Home Croydon \(1925 - 1980\)](#)
From 1952 St Anthony's Home and St Joseph's Home for Children were both operated by the Sisters of St Joseph. St Anthony's Home absorbed St Joseph's Home for Children in 1979.
Date: 1926 - 1979

Resources

- Australian Catholic Social Welfare Commission and the Australian Conference of Leaders of Religious Institutes, [A piece of the story : national directory of records of Catholic organisations caring for children separated from families](#), November 1999

Other Resources



Title: A Mini Pictorial Tour of St Josephs Home for Children: 34 Liverpool Road, Croydon
Type: Image
Date: c. 1979
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Records

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

Records

- [Admission Registers, St Joseph's Home for Children, Croydon \(November 1940 - September 1969\)](#)
- [Notification of Reception \(incomplete\), St Joseph's Home for Children, Croydon \(May 1928 - January 1970\)](#)
- [Notifications of Discharge \(incomplete\), St Joseph's Home, Croydon \(March 1931 - 1979\)](#)
- [Personal Record Cards \(dates uncertain\), St Joseph's Home for Children, Croydon \(1925? - 1979?\)](#)

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