

# School Files

1876 – 1979

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**Records Location**

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## Details

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School Files are a series of records related to the running of schools in New South Wales from 1876 to 1979, including children's homes with school programs. The records mainly include applications for the establishment of schools, schools' progress, buildings and school site information, teachers and other miscellaneous records. There are some records related more specifically to pupils including: admission registers, punishment books and examination books. Records post 1939 are strictly administrative.

## Access Conditions

These records are Open Access. For access to these records please contact State Archives NSW.

## Records

These files are arranged alphabetically by name of school. They deal with matters relating to the administration and operation of the school and may include correspondence about pupils.

School Files may be a vital source of information about children who were residents of children's homes, or cared for under a substitute care program, particularly where no other records of that home or program survive. For example, the records of Carlingford Public School may contain information about children from Dalmar at Carlingford.

In some cases, the school files contain records from Children's Homes, including identifying information about children. This includes:

- Berida Junior Red Cross Home: Admission Registers (1951 – 1974)
- Eleanor MacKinnon Memorial Home: Admission Registers (1955 – 1966)

- Fairbridge Farm School, Molong: Admission Registers (1938-1963), Punishment Books (1948-1969), and Visitors' Books (1938-1972)
- Kinchela Training Home for Aboriginal Boys: Admission Registers (1923-1962), Punishment Books (1952 – 1962), Observation Books (1934-1961), and Visitors' Books (1951-1962)
- Lorna Hodgkinson Sunshine Home: Admission Registers (1957-1963), Observation Books (1958-1963), and Visitors' Books (1957-1962)

The below document contains a list of items identified in this series that directly relate to children's homes and may be of relevance to Care Leavers. The items are arranged by the Home/Institution that they relate to.

#### [Series NRS 3829 School Files \(1876 – 1979\): List of Items](#)

State Archives NSW has published an [index of Aboriginal schools](#) mentioned in these files, as well as an [index of non-Aboriginal schools](#) mentioned in the files.

Quantity: 4436 boxes, 114 plans, 1 bundle.

## More info

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### Organisations in these records

#### Related Organisations

- [Randwick Asylum for Destitute Children \(1858 - 1915\)](#)
- [Council of Education \(1866 - 1880\)](#)
- [Nautical School Ship 'Vernon' \(1867 - 1892\)](#)
- [Department of Justice and Public Instruction \(1873 - 1881\)](#)
- [Department of Public Instruction \(1880 - 1915\)](#)
- [Shaftesbury Reformatory School \(1880 - 1904\)](#)
- [Mittagong Cottage Homes \(1885 - 1976\)](#)
- [Brewarrina Aboriginal Station Dormitory \(c. 1897 - c. 1940\)](#)
- [Cootamundra Training Home \(1911 - 1969\)](#)
- [Metropolitan Boys' Shelter \(1911 - 1983\)](#)
- [Department of Education, State Government of New South Wales \(1915 - 1989\)](#)
- [Guildford Truant School for Boys \(1917 - 1935\)](#)
- [Brush Farm Home \(1922 - 1988\)](#)
- [Kinchela Training Home for Aboriginal Boys \(1923 - 1970\)](#)  
School Files contains an Admission Register, Punishment Book, and Observation books for Kinchela school.
- [Royal Far West \(1924 - current\)](#)
- [Glenfield Park School \(1927 - current\)](#)
- [Mowbray Park \(1929 - 1959\)](#)
- [Stewart House \(1931 - current\)](#)
- [Berry Training Farm \(1934 - 1977\)](#)
- [Margaret Reid Orthopaedic Hospital for Crippled Children \(1937 - 1981\)](#)
- [Fairbridge Farm School, Molong \(1938 - 1973\)](#)  
School Files contains Admission Registers and Punishment Books for Fairbridge Farm School, Molong
- [Turner Cottage Special School for Truants \(1938 - 1946\)](#)
- [Crusaders Camp Mission Hostel \(1940? - 1946?\)](#)  
School Files contains records about Wollongong High, which was attended by girls from Crusaders Camp Mission Hostel.
- [Mount Penang Training School for Boys \(1946 - 1987\)](#)
- [Parramatta Girls Training School \(1946 - 1974\)](#)
- [Berida Junior Red Cross Home \(c. 1950 - 1974\)](#)  
School Files contains Admission Registers for Berida Junior Red Cross Home.
- [Eleanor MacKinnon Memorial Home \(1951 - 1997\)](#)  
School Files contains Admission Registers for Eleanor MacKinnon Memorial Home

- [Lorna Hodgkinson Sunshine Home \(1951 - current\)](#)

School Files contains an Admission Register and Observation Book for the Lorna Hodgkinson Sunshine Home.

- [Royal Institution for Deaf and Blind Children \(1957 - 1973\)](#)
- [Grosvenor Hospital \(1965 - 1985\)](#)
- [Glen Mervyn Junior Red Cross Home \(c. 1973 - c. 1992\)](#)

School Files contains records about Glen Mervyn Junior Red Cross Home.

## Resources

- Museums of History NSW, [Schools and related records](#), No date
- Museums of History NSW, [Index to Schools and related records, 1876-1979](#), No date
- Museums of History NSW, [School Student Records Guide](#), No date
- Museums of History NSW, [School Records Guide](#), No date
- Museums of History NSW, [Aboriginal Resources: An Overview of Records](#), No date

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### Related Contact Details

- [State Archives and Records Authority of New South Wales - Contact Details](#)
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