

Industrial School, Purga Mission Station

c. 1920 – 1948

Other Names: • Purga Aboriginal Colony

Details

The Purga Mission Industrial School, run by the Salvation Army, was established sometime around 1920 when the Salvation Army took control of the Purga Creek Mission. The Industrial School was on the Purga Mission Station (renamed by the Salvation Army as the Purga Aboriginal Colony), which was established in 1915 and situated between the end of Carmichaels Road and Deebing Creek near Ipswich. The School was licensed in 1937 under the *State Children Act* 1911. State children were first admitted to the Industrial School in 1941, at which time there were 16 children under 16 years old at the school. It closed in 1948, at which time nine State children from the Industrial School were transferred to the custody of the Director of Native Affairs and placed in homes under his Department.

Gallery



School and Meeting Hall, 1920

Description: This image shows the school and meeting hall at Purga Mission Station.



Manager's Quarters, 1920

Description: This image shows the Manager's Quarters at Purga Mission Station.

More info

Related Entries

Run by

- [The Salvation Army Australia Eastern Territory \(1921 - 2018\)](#)

Related Legislation

- [State Children Act 1911, Queensland \(1911 - 1966\)](#)

Resources

- [Purga Aboriginal Cemetery](#), Queensland Heritage Register, 2016
- Cleland, Sharon, [Caring for the Children: A history of institutional care provided by The Salvation Army for Australian children and youth \(1893-1995\)](#), August 2012

Records

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

Records held by other organisations

- [Salvation Army Australia, Records of Homes in the former Eastern Territory \(c. 1891 - 1990s\)](#)
 - [Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs Records \(1880s - current\)](#)
 - [Correspondence files, single number series with 'B' \[Child Endowment\] prefix \(1904 - 1974\)](#)
Item B96 of the Child Endowment correspondence files relates to Purga Aboriginal Colony.
 - [Admission Registers - Purga Aboriginal State School \(1895 - 1947\)](#)
 - [Miscellaneous Items and Correspondence - Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander files \(1859 - 1997\)](#)
 - [Health & Home Affairs/Education Department Batch Files \[Correspondence\] - Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander files \(1884 - 1970\)](#)
 - [Correspondence Files \[Offices of the Chief Protector of Aboriginals and Director of Native Affairs\] \(1901 - 1944\)](#)
 - [Correspondence - Alphanumeric Prefix - Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs \(1909 - 1992\)](#)
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