

# Institution Files, Queensland Government-run Institutions

c. 1871 – c. 2001

**To access these records:**

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**Records Location**

Website: <https://www.cyjma.qld.gov.au/about-us/our-department/right-information>  
These records are held by [Department of Children, Youth Justice and Multicultural Affairs, State Government of Queensland \(2020 - current\)](#)

## Details

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Institution Files are records that were kept by Queensland government-run institutions, including juvenile justice institutions, and were later transferred to the custody of the Departments responsible for child welfare. The publication *Missing Pieces* (2001) describes these Institution Files as including details about children in the institution, such as when they were admitted and when they left, as well as the reason for placement. In some cases detailed information about the child and his/her family is on the file. This can include information about health and family background, as well as educational reports and correspondence. Copies of many documents on the institution file are often included on the Family or Individual file. *Missing Pieces* did not identify clear date ranges for the records it lists. The date range given on this page is an estimate.

## Access Conditions

Access to these records is restricted in order to protect personal privacy.

Former residents wishing to access records about their time in care can contact the Right to Information Unit, Department of Child Safety, Seniors and Disability Services.

People wishing to access information about another person, e.g. a family member, require the permission of that person to access records about them.

## Records

These files were generally kept at the institution until after the child is discharged from care, when the file was transferred to the Department.

# More info

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## Organisations in these records

### Related Organisations

- [Diamantina Orphanage \(1865 - 1910\)](#)
- [Reformatory School for Boys - Hulk Proserpine \(15 March 1871 - 16 February 1881\)](#)
- [Reformatory School for Boys, Lytton \(16 February 1881 - 1 October 1899\)](#)
- [Diamantina Reformatory School for Boys \(1 October 1899 - 5 May 1900\)](#)
- [Westbrook Reformatory for Boys \(5 May 1900 - 30 October 1919\)](#)
- [Diamantina Receiving Depot and Infants' Home \(1910 - 1962\)](#)
- [Farm Home for Boys, Westbrook \(30 October 1919 - 26 May 1966\)](#)
- [Wilson Youth Hospital \(1961 - 1983\)](#)
- [Diamantina Receiving Home \(1962 - 1964\)](#)
- [Warilda Children's Home and Warilda Infants' Home \(1964 - 1967\)](#)
- [Westbrook Training Centre \(26 May 1966 - 1987\)](#)
- [Warilda Receiving and Assessment Centre \(1967 - 1989\)](#)
- [Cleveland Youth Detention Centre \(1980 - current\)](#)
- [Sir Leslie Wilson Youth Centre \(1983 - 1993\)](#)
- [John Oxley Youth Detention Centre \(1987 - 2001\)](#)
- [Westbrook Youth Centre \(1987 - 1993\)](#)
- [Sir Leslie Wilson Youth Detention Centre \(1993 - 2001\)](#)
- [Westbrook Youth Detention Centre \(1993 - 30 June 1994\)](#)

# Records

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## Related Contact Details

- [Right to Information Unit, Department of Children, Youth Justice and Multicultural Affairs - Contact Details](#)

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