

# South Australian Youth Remand and Assessment Centre

1979 – 1993

**Other Names:** • SAYRAC

## Details

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The South Australian Youth Remand and Assessment Centre, SAYRAC, was the new name given to Vaughan House in 1979. Located in Enfield, this government-run Centre provided secure care and assessment for boys and girls aged 10 to 18. It also accommodated children who had not committed offences. SAYRAC closed in 1993 when the Cavan Training Centre opened. Older children were then placed at Cavan and younger children at the Magill Training Centre.

In 1979, as part of a restructuring of the institutional care and programs for young offenders, the government changed the name of Vaughan House to The South Australian Youth Remand and Assessment Centre (SAYRAC). Whereas Vaughan House had provided accommodation for girls only, the new government-run centre provided secure care and assessment for boys and girls aged between 10 and 18. SAYRAC remained in the same building in Enfield.

Four units operated at SAYRAC. Two were for girls on remand or undergoing training, while the other two units were for boys on remand. Children who had not committed an offence, but had been placed under the care of the government for their own protection were also accommodated at the Centre for assessment. At SAYRAC staff from the Education Department provided instruction in music, craft and physical education.

SAYRAC closed in 1993 when a new purpose built facility was erected at Cavan. Older boys and girls were moved to the new Cavan Training Centre while younger children were accommodated separately at the Magill Training Centre.

## Gallery

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**Vaughan House Remand Home, Enfield**

**Description:** The library description states: External view of Vaughan House Remand Home, prior to its closure. According to a researcher, these rooms were the back end of the house and you were able to talk to each other across the yard. Some of the rooms were occupied by children that were not allowed into the main stream areas but could talk to each other across the yard. The consequences for doing so were considered harsh at the time, by the inmates.

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### Vaughan House Remand Home, Enfield

**Description:** This image shows the outside of the South Australian Youth Remand and Assessment Centre.

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### Vaughan House Remand Home, Enfield

**Description:** This image shows the common room in the South Australian Youth Remand and Assessment Centre.

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### Vaughan House Remand Home, Enfield

**Description:** This image shows the common room of the South Australian Youth Remand and Assessment Centre.

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### Vaughan House Remand Home, Enfield

**Description:** This image shows a single bedroom in the South Australian Youth Remand and Assessment Centre.

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### Vaughan House Remand Home, Enfield

**Description:** This image shows the library in the South Australian Youth Remand and Assessment Centre.

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### Vaughan House Remand Home, Enfield

**Description:** This image shows a corridor in the South Australian Youth Remand and Assessment Centre, including murals on the wall.

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### Vaughan House Remand Home, Enfield

**Description:** This image shows the outside area at the South Australian Youth Remand and Assessment Centre, including the swimming pool.

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### Vaughan House Remand Home, Enfield

**Description:** This image shows murals inside the South Australian Youth Remand and Assessment Centre in Enfield.

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**Description:** This image shows murals inside the South Australian Youth Remand and Assessment Centre in Enfield.

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# More info

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## Chronology

- Vaughan House (1947 - 1979)
  - **South Australian Youth Remand and Assessment Centre (1979 – 1993)**
    - Magill Training Centre (1993 - 2012)

## Related Entries

### Run by

- [Department for Community Welfare, South Australian Government \(1972 - 1990\)](#)  
Date: 1979 - 1990
- [Department for Family and Community Services, South Australian Government \(1990 - 1998\)](#)  
Date: 1990 - 1993

### Related Organisations

- [Cavan Training Centre \(1993 - 2012\)](#)  
When the South Australian Youth Remand and Assessment Centre closed some older boys between 15 and 18 years of age were sent to Cavan Training Centre

## Resources

- Atkinson, Lynn, [An overview of juvenile detention in Australia](#), National Conference on Juvenile Detention: Proceedings of a conference held 10-13 August 1993, 1994

# Records

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

## Records held by other organisations

- [Records of the Social Welfare Department and predecessors \(1849 - c. 1987\)](#)
- [Records of the South Australia Youth Remand and Assessment Centre \(c. 1961 - c. 1999\)](#)

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