

The Boarding section of the Salesian School

1954 – 1984

Other Names:

- Salesian College
- Salesian School
- St John's Boys Home

Details

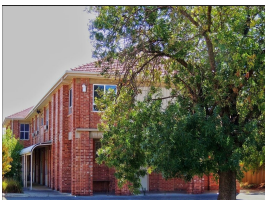
The Boarding section of the Salesian School, formerly known as St John's Boys Town, was run by the Salesians of Don Bosco and operated as a boys home within the bounds of the school. It was often still referred to as St John's Boys Home. In the mid 1960s the School became known as Salesian College. The St John's Boys Home section closed at the end of 1984. The Salesian College finished as a co-educational secondary school at the end of 1996.

The Salesians of Don Bosco took over the running of St John's Boys Town in 1942 and were granted permission by the Archbishop in 1954 to discard the name 'Boys Town' and to accept day-pupils for both technical and secondary studies. The home became known as 'the boarding section of Salesian School' although it was still often referred to as St John's Boys Home. A new building was erected in 1954-55 so that the number of residents could be increased to 160.

The Salesians were particular about the boys they would accommodate, preferring to take boys over the age of ten with at least grade five standard education.

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Chronology

- St John's Boys Town (1941 - 1954)
 - **The Boarding section of the Salesian School (1954 – 1984)**

Related Entries

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- [Salesians of Don Bosco \(1922 - current\)](#)

Related Events

- [Interstate movement of Northern Territory children \(1930s - 1970s\)](#)
- [Inquiry into Children in Institutional and Other Forms of Care, Commonwealth of Australia \(1982 - 1985\)](#)

The boarding section of Salesian School was one of the Homes visited by the committee of the Inquiry into Children in Institutional and Other Forms of Care.

Related Organisations

- [Catholic Boys' Hostel, Parkside \(1977 - 1979\)](#)

Boys from the boarding section of the Salesian School were accommodated at the Catholic Boys' Hostel, Parkside

- [St John's Cottage Home \(1985 - 1988\)](#)

Boys from the boarding section of the Salesian School moved to St John's Cottage Home when the boarding section closed.

Records

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

Records held by other organisations

- [Records of St John's Boys Town \(1941? - 1984?\)](#)
- [Records of the Social Welfare Department and predecessors \(1849 - c. 1987\)](#)
- [Annual Reports of the State Children's Council and the Children's Welfare and Public Relief Department \(1887 - 1960\)](#)

Held by State Records of SA. These six volumes of bound yearly reports contain updates on developments at Homes under the control of the State Children's Council.

- [Correspondence files \('CW & PRD' and 'SW' files\) -Children's Welfare and Public Relief Department and successors \(1927 - c. 1979\)](#)

Held by State Records of SA. This series of correspondence files relate to many different subjects and include correspondence related to Homes run by the Catholic Church.

- [Miscellaneous correspondence and reports, St John's Boys Town \(1893 - 1962\)](#)

Held by Professional Standards Office Records Service of the Catholic Church. These miscellaneous documents include items relating to the establishment and the rules and regulations of the Home.

- [Former Residents' Folders \(1900s - current\)](#)

The Former residents' folders, held by the Professional Standards Office, may contain information relating to the boarding section of the Salesian School.

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