

Glandore Children's Home

1958 – 1966

Details

The Glandore Children's Home was the new name for the Glandore Industrial School from 1958. The government run Home continued to accommodate up to 130 boys committed to State care. In 1966 the name of the Home was changed to the Glandore Boys' Home, taking into account that the institution had for many years only accommodated boys.

Under the terms of the 1958 Maintenance Act Amendment Act, the name of Glandore Industrial School was changed to Glandore Children's Home. The Home continued to accommodate boys committed to the care of the State who were deemed, in the language of the time, to be destitute, neglected or uncontrollable. It also took in boys who were labelled as truants because they were continually absent from school.

During the last years of the 1950s and into the 1960s, overcrowding at Glandore became acute. The number of boys accommodated at the Home at one time ranged between 85 and 130. Lack of space meant that older boys were increasingly being accommodated in dormitories with younger, more vulnerable boys because no other beds were available. There was often a lack of staff to supervise children.

In 1964 a research project focused on absconding was conducted at the Home by the University of Adelaide's Department of Psychology. The research team described conditions in the institution and the regimented daily program the boys were expected to follow. Boys slept in one of ten small dormitories. Younger boys were usually supervised by a dormitory mother and other female staff, while older boys were supervised by male attendants. All boys were woken at 6.30am each day. When interviewed about reasons for absconding from the institution, the boys stated that they feared punishment, which included caning and physical assault. Many stated that they disliked the institution in general.

The Glandore Children's Home was renamed the Glandore Boys Home in 1966, taking into account that the institution had for many years only accommodated boys.

Gallery



Glandore Industrial Home/Children's Home

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Glandore Community Centre - memorial stone

Description: This is a photograph showing the position of the memorial plaque to the Edwardstown Industrial School and the Glandore Boys Home, embedded in a rock.



Glandore Community Centre - plaque

Description: This is a photograph a plaque that reads "On this site stood the Edwardstown Industrial School and the Glandore Boys Home 1898-1972. "God bless those who passed this way". Unveiled at reunion 27th Nov. 1994"

More info

Chronology

- Glandore Industrial School (1949 - 1958)
 - **Glandore Children's Home (1958 – 1966)**
 - Glandore Boys' Home (1966 - 1973)

Related Entries

Run by

- [Children's Welfare and Public Relief Board \(1927 - 1966\)](#)
Date: 1958 - 1966

Related Events

- [Children in State Care Commission of Inquiry, South Australia \(2004 - 2008\)](#)

Related Legislation

- [Maintenance Act Amendment Act 1958, South Australia \(1958 - 1972\)](#)
- [Community Welfare Act 1972, South Australia \(1972 - current\)](#)

Related Concepts

- [Stolen Generations](#)

Resources

- Morley, Charles, *The Glandore Story: from Hulk to Haven*, 1995

Records

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

Records

- [Records of the Social Welfare Department and predecessors \(1849 - c. 1987\)](#)
- [Minutes - State Children's Council, later the Children's Welfare and Public Relief Board \(1886 - 1965\)](#)
Held by State Records of SA. These minutes include some entries related to the Glandore Children's Home. Entries include details on admissions and discharges, transfers, cases of particular children and their parents as well as comments regarding the general running of the Home.
- [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. These correspondence files cover all aspects of the business of the Children's Welfare and Public Relief Department. They include information relating to Homes under the Department's control.
- [Photographs of Departmental institutions, Social Welfare Department and Predecessors \(1945 - 1970\)](#)
Held by State Records of SA. These albums of photographs include photos of the Glandore Children's Home from the period when it was known as the Glandore Industrial School.
- [Education - Register of Prosecutions, Education Department \(1928 - 1959\)](#)
Held by State Records of SA. This register lists the prosecutions of parents for the non-attendance at school of children of school age. Remarks include notes on committing of children to the Glandore Children's Home.
- [Daily statistics of children in Departmental institutions, Children's Welfare and Public Relief Department \(1952 - 1963\)](#)
Held by State Records of SA.
- [Corporate files, three-tiered numeric series - Community Welfare Department and successor agencies \(1918 - 2008\)](#)
Held by State Records of SA. These Corporate files are a series of administrative records created by the Department of Community Welfare and its successor agencies. They deal with numerous subjects and may include information related to Glandore Children's Home.
- [Register of New Committals \(1931 - 1968\)](#)
Held by State Records of SA. This register contains brief admission information relating to Homes under the control of the Department. It includes admissions to Glandore Children's Home.

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