

Correspondence files ('SCD' files) – State Children's Department

1887 – 1927

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Records Location

These records are part of [Records created by the State Children's Department \(1886 - 1927\)](#)

Details

These correspondence files cover all aspects of the State Children's Department's business and include information on the maintenance of state wards, the placement of children, the suitability of foster homes, absconded state wards, applications by parents for the return of children, applications by state wards for their wages, and more. They also contain some correspondence relating to Homes run by the Salvation Army under the control of the Department. For the period before 1891 many files are missing.

Access Conditions

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Organisations in these records

Related Organisations

- [Boys' Reformatory Hulk, Fitzjames \(1880 - 1891\)](#)
- [Girls Reformatory, Magill \(1881 - 1891\)](#)
- [Boys Reformatory, Magill \(1891 - 1967\)](#)
- [Girls' Reformatory, Edwardstown \(1891 - 1898\)](#)

- [Catholic Girls' Reformatory, Kapunda \(1897 - 1909\)](#)

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- [St John the Baptist Home for Boys \(1898 - 1941\)](#)
 - [Edwardstown Industrial School \(1898 - 1949\)](#)
 - [Central Depot \(1900 - 1965\)](#)
 - [Boys' Probationary School \(1900 - 1945\)](#)
 - [Girls' Probationary School \(1901 - 1945\)](#)
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