

# Education Department, State of Tasmania

1885 –

**Other Names:** • Department of Education

**URL:** <http://www.education.tas.gov.au>

## Details

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The Education Department was established by the *Education Act* of 1885. The aim was to provide a free, compulsory, and secular education to children between the ages of seven and thirteen. In 1912, this was raised to 14. In 2013, the Department is responsible for primary and secondary education, library and information services, vocational education and training, children's services, assessment and certification, and youth affairs. Children must now stay at school until they are 17.

The Education Department referred children for truancy, problems with behaviour, and apparent neglect to successive child welfare departments. Children in foster care, government run homes, and approved children's homes attended Education Department schools. School records such as admission registers may contain information about former wards of state.

The Department ran Hagley Farm School which had boarding facilities and received child migrants in the late 1940s and early 1950s.

## More info

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### Related Entries

#### Ran

- [Hagley Farm School \(1936 - 1976?\)](#)  
The Education Department ran Hagley Farm School.

#### Related Events

- [Committee of Inquiry into the State Farm and School for Boys, Deloraine, Tasmania \(1925\)](#)  
The Director of the Education Department was a member of the Committee of Inquiry.

#### Related Organisations

- [Girls' Welfare School \(1924 - 1954\)](#)  
The Education Department ran the Girls' Welfare School.
- [Talire School \(1950 - 1980?\)](#)  
From 1954 onwards, the Education Department ran Talire School.

#### Related Legislation

- [Education Act 1885 \(TAS\), Tasmania \(1885 - 1905\)](#)

# Records

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## Records held by other organisations

- [General Correspondence \(4\), Education Department \(1906 - 2010\)](#)
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