

Benmore Presbyterian Children's Home

1947 – 1962?

Other Names:

- Benmore Farm Training School
- Benmore

Details

Benmore Presbyterian Children's Home (often known as Benmore Farm Training School) was established by the Council Presbyterian Children's Homes in 1947 in Caversham. Originally, it was an agricultural school for older boys but by 1956 girls and boys as young as 5 years old were placed at Benmore. Children who were wards of the state and private children were admitted. Benmore had closed by 1963.

Benmore Presbyterian Children's Home was established by the Council Presbyterian Children's Homes as a farm school for older boys. The official opening and dedication ceremony was held on 17 May 1947.

In 1954, Benmore was described as being able to accommodate 35 boys aged from 10 years. Renovations were proposed in 1954, with the addition of a dining and recreation hall to be known as the 'Withnell Memorial Hall', and new kitchen, laundry and ablution block.

By 1956, Benmore admitted children from under 6 years, both boys and girls. Children who were wards of the state were placed at Benmore, and most children were 'private admissions'. Younger children went to Middle Swan Primary School and others attended Midland Junction High School.

Benmore closed in the 1962-1963 financial year, possibly at the end of the 1962 school year.

Gallery



"Benmore," Caversham

Benmore Presbyterian Children's Home

Description: This picture of Benmore at Caversham was used in the programme for the official opening of the Home in 1947.

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Related Entries

Run by

- [Council Presbyterian Children's Homes \(1938? - 1963?\)](#)

Date: 1947 - 1962?

Related Organisations

- [Burnbrae Presbyterian Children's Home \(1938 - 1956\)](#)

Benmore and Burnbrae were the two Homes run by the Council Presbyterian Children's Homes. By mid-1957, all the children from Burnbrae had been transferred to Benmore.

Date: 1956? - 1957?

Resources

- Mofflyn, [Submission No 160 to the Senate Inquiry into Children in Institutional Care](#), August 2003

Other Resources



Title: The Children's Homes, 1953 [Presbyterian Children's Home Council, excerpt]

Type: Image

Date: 1953

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Title: Dedication and Official Opening of Benmore

Type: Image

Date: 17 May 1947

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Records

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

Records held by other organisations

- [Uniting Church \(Synod of Western Australia\) Archives, Records \(1918 - 1980s\)](#)
- [John Moss C.B.E. U.K. Child Welfare Expert. Visit to Australia. Part II, National Archives of Australia \(1951 - 1952\)](#)

Benmore had applied to join the post-World War Two British child migration program but was not approved. Page 31 of the John Moss Visit to Australia file Part II gives some insight into the reasons for this decision

- [Files - Community Welfare \("A" Series\), State Records Office of Western Australia \(25 August 1908 - 23 December 1990\)](#)
- [Files - Child Welfare, State Records Office of Western Australia \(1 January 1917 - 16 June 1972\)](#)

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