

Hamilton Hill Hostel

1971 – 1994?

Other Names: • H H Hostel

Details

Hamilton Hill Hostel was established around 1971 as a government-run hostel for Aboriginal high school students. For an unknown period in the 1980s, it was run by a Uniting Church agency, most likely Sister Kate's Child and Family Services. It was possibly transferred back to child welfare authorities by 1988, closing by 1994, possibly earlier.

The history of the Hamilton Hill Hostel is unclear. Government reports (*Signposts* 2004, pp.230-232) show that a house at 22 Frederick Road was purchased by the Department of Native Welfare in 1971 for an Aboriginal Education and Employment Hostel but was not open when a survey of these hostels was published in 1971 (in that survey, the hostel was called 'Frederick Street'). It is possible, though, that the Department of Native Welfare did operate the hostel for a short period before all hostels of this type were transferred to the Department for Community Welfare in 1972, which continued to run the hostel until at least 1979.

Records are again unclear about which organisation ran the hostel in the 1980s, though it seems to have continued as hostel which accommodated Aboriginal high school students. Reports mention it being run by a Uniting Church agency in the 1980s and, if so, Sister Kate's Child and Family Services is the most likely of the Uniting Church agencies to have had that role as their expertise was with Aboriginal children.

By 1988, it seems that the Hamilton Hill Hostel was once again in the hands of the child welfare authorities. In 1990, it was associated with other hostels administered from the McCall Centre (a departmental facility), but by 1995 it was not recorded in published departmental reports.

More info

Related Entries

Run by

- [Department of Native Welfare, State of Western Australia \(1955 - 1972\)](#)
The Hamilton Hill Hostel may have been run by Department of Native Welfare in the first years of its operation.
Date: 1971? - 1972
- [Department for Community Welfare, State of Western Australia \(1972 - 1985\)](#)

Related Organisations

- [McCall Centre \(1971 - 2005?\)](#)
The Hamilton Hill Hostel became part of a hostel system administered by the McCall Centre in 1990.
Date: 1990 - 1994?

Resources

- Wilson, Katrin and Michael V. Robinson., *Aboriginal Hostels in Perth : A Comparative Survey*, 1971

Records

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

Records held by other organisations

- [Sister Kate's Child and Family Services records, 1934-2002 \[manuscript\], State Library of Western Australia \(1934 - 2002\)](#)
 - [Department of Aboriginal Affairs \[predecessors\], Records \(1886 - 2004\)](#)
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