

Kewdale House

1976? – 2011?

Other Names:

- Kewdale Education and Employment Hostel
- Kewdale Metro Student Hostel
- Kewdale Hostel

Details

Kewdale House was built in 1976 as a government-run hostel for Aboriginal teenagers aged over 15 years who came to Perth to continue their senior high school education. It is not known if Kewdale House was co-educational. It had closed by 2011.

Kewdale House was purpose-built by the Department for Community Welfare in 1976, on two blocks in Fulham Street in Kewdale. It was an Aboriginal education and employment hostel, providing supported accommodation for Aboriginal teenagers, aged over 15, who came to Perth to continue their education. In 1988, the authorities reported (*Signposts* 2004, p.271) that students in the hostel were 'helped to move on to tertiary courses and independent living situations'.

There are few published admission statistics, but in 1995 a survey (*Signposts* 2004, p.271) found that: 'there were 10 girls aged 15-18+ years resident at Kewdale House; total admissions during that year had numbered 13; and the length of stay ranged from 3 months to more than 6 months.

Kewdale House remained open in 2010 but had closed by 2011.

More info

Related Entries

Run by

- [Department for Community Welfare, State of Western Australia \(1972 - 1985\)](#)
- [Department for Community Services, State of Western Australia \(1 January 1985 - 1 October 1992\)](#)
- [Department for Community Development, State of Western Australia \(1 October 1992 - 1 July 1995\)](#)
- [Department for Family and Children's Services, State of Western Australia \(1 July 1995 - 1 July 2001\)](#)
- [Department for Community Development, State of Western Australia \(1 July 2001 - 30 June 2007\)](#)
- [Department for Child Protection, State of Western Australia \(1 July 2007 - 16 May 2013\)](#)

Resources

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- State Records Taskforce, Government of Western Australia, [Looking West: A Guide to Aboriginal Sources in Western Australia](#), 2004