

Australasian Province of the Christian Brothers

1885 – 1953

Other Names:

- Christian Brothers
- Congregation of Christian Brothers
- St Mary's Province of the Christian Brothers

Details

The Australasian Province of the Christian Brothers operated in Australia from 1885 and was also known as St Mary's Province of the Christian Brothers. It was a province of the Roman Catholic Congregation of Christian Brothers first established by Edmund Rice in Ireland in 1808. The Christian Brothers ran institutions for children in the states of Victoria and Western Australia. In 1953 the organisation expanded and to improve organisational control the Australasian Province was divided into two new Provinces: the St Mary's Province of the Christian Brothers and the St Patrick's Province of the Christian Brothers.

The Christian Brothers had been running institutions for boys in Victoria since 1874.

They opened their first school in Western Australia on 31 January 1894 on the corner of St Georges Terrace and Victoria Avenue in Perth, naming it Christian Brothers College Perth.

In Western Australia, the Christian Brothers ran the children's Homes Bindoon, Castledare Special School, Castledare, Clontarf, Subiaco Boys' Orphanage and Tardun Farm School.

In 1953 when the organisation expanded the Australasian Province was divided into two for organisational purposes. The Provinces were called The St Mary's Province of the Christian Brothers in New South Wales, Queensland, New Zealand and Papua New Guinea and the St Patrick's Province of the Christian Brothers in Victoria, Tasmania, South Australia and Western Australia. The St Patrick's Province continued to run the children's Homes in Western Australia.

More info

Chronology

- Christian Brothers (1868 - 1885)
 - **Australasian Province of the Christian Brothers (1885 – 1953)**
 - St Patrick's Province of the Christian Brothers (1953 - 1967)

Related Entries

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- [St Augustine's Boys' Orphanage \(c. 1855 - 1939\)](#)
- [Subiaco Boys' Orphanage \(1872 - 1901\)](#)
Date: 1897 - 1901
- [St Vincent de Paul Orphanage for Boys \(1874 - 1967\)](#)
- [Clontarf \(8 September 1901 - 1983\)](#)
Date: 1901 - 1953
- [Tardun Farm School \(1928 - 2008\)](#)
Date: 1928 - 1953
- [Castledare Special School \(1929 - 1934\)](#)
- [Castledare \(1934 - 1983\)](#)
Date: 1934 - 1953
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