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Details

Correspondence Files comprises the main file series for the Colonial Secretary's Office/Chief Secretary's Department for the post-1883 period. The correspondence files deal with all functions the office had oversight or control of. Records from the Colonial Secretary's Office contain information about out of home care in Western Australia, as well as a range of other matters. The files up to 16 April 1924, when the Colonial Secretary's Office was abolished, will be most relevant as by that time there were government departments for Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal child welfare.

Access Conditions

Access to most of the records in this series is open, however some items have restricted access. For access to items in this series please contact the State Records Office of Western Australia.

Records

This series contains correspondence with the department regarding specific children admitted to institutions, and regarding families seeking or receiving welfare assistance. Family surnames have been included in the title of these records, and are searchable within the SROWA database. The majority of these records date from the late 1800s and early 1900s, and as such have open access.

Note: Only those files for the periods 1883-1893, 1901, 1911-1973 have so far been fully listed on this database. Colonial Secretary's Office files for the period 1894-1910 – excluding 1901 – are currently being added to this

database. Use of the Colonial Secretary's Office Indexes and Registers held at the State Records Office Search Room may be needed to identify individual files for this period.

More info

Organisations in these records

Related Organisations

- Colonial Secretary's Office, Crown Colony of Western Australia (30 December 1828 - 1890)
- St Mary's Mission, New Norcia (1848 - 1974)
- New Norcia Mission (1848 - 1974)
- Female Home [Poor House, Perth] (1851 - 1909)
- St Joseph's Native School and Orphanage, New Norcia (1861 - 1974)
- Perth Girls' Orphanage (1868 - 1942)
- St Joseph's Catholic Orphanage for Girls (1868 - 1901)
- Bishop Hale's Institution for Native and Half-Caste Children (1871 - 1888)
- Subiaco Boys' Orphanage (1872 - 1901)
- Swan Boys' Orphanage (1876 - 1942)
- Swan Native and Half Caste Mission (c. 1880 - 1920)
- Rottnest Island Reformatory (1881 - 1902)
- Colonial Secretary's Office, Colony of Western Australia (1890 - 1924)
- House of Mercy (1891 - 1916)
- Government Industrial School (1893 - 1907)
- Salvation Army Home for Neglected Girls, Perth (1894 - 1898)
- Beagle Bay Mission (1895 - 1976)
- St Kevin's Industrial School (1897 - 1922)
- Ministering Children's League Convalescent Home (1897 - 1949)
- Cornelie Home (1898 - 1903)
- Salvation Army Industrial School for Boys [Collie] (1901 - 1920)
- Salvation Army Industrial School for Girls, Collie (1901 - 1920)
- Claremont Mental Hospital (1903 - 1972)
- Graceville Centre (1903 - current)
- Waif's Home, Parkerville (1903 - 1909)
- Government Receiving Depot (1907 - 1935)
- Carrolup (1915 - 1922)
- Alexandra Home for Women (1916 - 1950)
- Moore River Native Settlement (1918 - 1951)
- Convalescent Home, Busselton (1918 - 1924)
- Heathcote (1929 - 1994)
- Carnarvon Mission (1945 - 1975?)

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