

# Essington House Correspondence Files

1969 – 1974

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**Records Location**

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## Details

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Essington House Correspondence Files is a series of files related to children placed in Essington House. The name of the child is written on the front and/or side of each file. The files contain correspondence, reports, forms and other documents. Some include school reports and letters sent to and received from the child.

## Access Conditions

Most government records in the Northern Territory are open for research 30 years after the end of the year in which the records were created. Some records, however, are subject to restrictions due to their sensitive or confidential nature. This is the case with many records related to children under the care of the government. These records are restricted for 100 years from the date of their creation.

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## Records

Despite their title – Correspondence Files – these files are actually Children’s files. Each manila folder contains letters, reports, forms and other documents related to a particular child. The name of the child is written on the front and/or side of the file. Later files also have ‘Essington House’ on the cover.

Many of the files have a printed form attached to the inside cover titled ‘Assessment and Training Centre – Progress Record’ which includes personal details such as date of birth, address, description of appearance and medical information. The form also includes a calendar which shows the placement of the child in the security section or hostel and also indicates free nights and weekends and the date of release from the Centre. Some files include a photograph of the child attached to the inside front cover.

Other documents on files include the ‘Order Committing Child to the Remand and Training Centre’, pre-court reports, social workers’ reports, assessment reports, and documents titled ‘Significant Discussion Report’ and ‘Informative report on child’. Other notes on the file relate to ‘Placement meetings’ and absconding. Some files include school reports and letters sent to and/or from the child.

## More info

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### Organisations in these records

#### Related Organisations

- [Essington House \(1963 - 1974\)](#)

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