

# Malak House Juvenile Detention Centre

1987 – 1991

**Other Names:** • Malak House

## Details

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Malak House was the new name for Malak House Remand and Assessment Centre from 1987. Located in Malak, a suburb of Darwin, it operated as a detention centre for young people who had committed offences. Malak House closed in 1991 and was replaced by the Don Dale Detention Centre.

Malak House Juvenile Detention Centre, located on the corner of Malak Crescent and Patterson Street, came into being when Malak House changed its purpose from a Remand and Assessment Centre to a detention centre in 1987.

In the late 1980s after a number of abscondings from Malak House, 'the grim reality' of conditions in the institution was reported in the media. A former youth worker talked of the harsh treatment of children in the Home and residents shared stories of long periods of solitary confinement.

Both Malak House in Darwin and Giles House in Alice Springs closed in 1991. All young offenders were sent to the newly opened Don Dale Detention Centre in Darwin.

## Gallery

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**Malak House**

**Description:** The description reads: Malak House, corner Malak Crescent and Patterson Street, Malak, Remand home. View of children beside pool at rear of home, with a small kangaroo

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## More info

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### Chronology

- Chapman Road Remand Home (1976? - 1979)
- Malak House Remand and Assessment Centre (1979 - 1987)
  - **Malak House Juvenile Detention Centre (1987 – 1991)**
    - Don Dale Juvenile Detention Centre (1991 - current)

## Related Entries

### Run by

- [Department of Health and Community Services - Correctional Services, Northern Territory Government \(1987 - 1989\)](#)  
Date: 1987 - 1989
- [Department of Correctional Services, Northern Territory Government \(1989 - 2001\)](#)  
Date: 1989 - 1991

### Related Organisations

- [Giles House Juvenile Detention and Training Centre \(1978 - 1991\)](#)  
Giles House and Malak House closed in 1991 and young offenders from both centres were sent to the Don Dale Detention Centre.

## Resources

- [Key moments in Penal Culture in the Northern Territory 1970 - present](#), The Australian Prisons Project, 2012

## Other Resources



**Title:** Malak House - news articles

**Type:** Image

**Date:** 1989

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## Records

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

### Records held by other organisations

- [Correctional Services records, Northern Territory Government \(1970s - current\)](#)
  - [General Administration Files, Annual Single number series with "N" prefix, Department of Community Development](#)
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