

The Juvenile Offenders' Act 1887, Victoria

1888 – 1890

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Details

The Juvenile Offenders' Act (No.951) transferred responsibility for convicted juveniles from the Department of Industrial and Reformatory Schools to a Department for Reformatory Schools. This Act allowed for the establishment of Probationary Schools, described by the Department's Secretary as 'intermediate between the reformatory and the foster-home'.

After the act was passed, a number of young people were transferred from gaols to reformatories, under s.23 of the legislation.

The legislation also made possible the establishment of private reformatories in Victoria, the first of these being [Brookside Private Reformatory for Protestant Girls](#) in 1887.

The long title of the Act is 'An Act to amend the Law relating to Juvenile Offenders and for other purposes'. It was assented to on 17 December 1887 and commenced on 1 January 1888. This Act was repealed and replaced by sections 314 to 369 of the Crimes Act 1890 (No. 1079.) This Act was amended by Act No. 216, No. 495, No. 626 and No. 693.

More info

Chronology

- The Neglected and Criminal Children's Act 1864, Victoria (1864 - 1888)
 - **The Juvenile Offenders' Act 1887, Victoria (1888 – 1890)**
 - Crimes Act 1890, Victoria (1890 - 1915)
 - Crimes Act 1915, Victoria (1915 - 1958)

Related Entries

Related Organisations

- [Department for Reformatory Schools, Colony of Victoria \(1887 - 1900\)](#)

The Department for Reformatory Schools came into being under the Juvenile Offenders' Act 1887, assuming responsibility for convicted juveniles.
- [Jika Reformatory for Boys \(1873 - 1879\)](#)

The administration of the Reformatory for Boys was governed by the Juvenile Offenders Act 1887.

Date: 1887 - ?

- [Brookside Private Reformatory for Protestant Girls \(1887 - 1903\)](#)

The Brookside Private Reformatory was established under the provisions of the Juvenile Offenders' Act 1887.

- [Straight View Farm Reformatory School \(1895 - 1919\)](#)
- [Mintaro Reformatory Home for Girls \(1903 - 1912\)](#)

Related Legislation

- [The Neglected Children's Act 1887, Victoria \(1888 - 1890\)](#)

The Juvenile Offenders Act 1887 dealt with 'criminal children' as a separate group to neglected children, who were legislated for in the Neglected Children's Act 1887. This split marks a policy shift in Victoria since the Neglected and Criminal Children's Act of 1864.

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