

# Ashendene Boys' Home

1966 – 1988

## Details

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The Ashendene Boys' Home in Falls Road, Olinda, opened in December 1966. It was established to accommodate boys aged from 10 to 15 years, and from 1977 housed mostly older teenage boys requiring longer term accommodation. Ashendene was relocated to new premises in Croydon in 1988.

The Victorian Government purchased the large former private home to house boys aged from 10 to 15 years, and address overcrowding at Allambie and Turana Reception Centres.

It was proposed by the Department that Ashendene be used in conjunction with Hillside Boys' Home in Glen Waverley, with both institutions taking boys with a long history of institutional care and some offending behaviour. Unlike Hillside, boys at Ashendene were able to attend local schools.

By 1977, Ashendene's main intake was from Baltara Reception Centre, older teenage boys requiring longer term accommodation. In 1978 the capacity of the Home was reduced to 24 as the building was considered to be overcrowded.

In November 1988, Ashendene was relocated to a new facility in Croydon – a regional medium term residential unit for up to eight male and female adolescents.

## Gallery

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**"Ashendene" Boys' Home, Olinda**

**Description:** This image was included in the Social Welfare Department Annual Report, Year Ended June 30, 1967 on page 17.

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### Related Entries

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- [Social Welfare Branch, State Government of Victoria \(1960 - 1970\)](#)  
Date: 1966 - 1970
- [Social Welfare Department, State Government of Victoria \(1970 - 1978\)](#)  
Date: 1970 - 1978
- [Department of Community Welfare Services, State Government of Victoria \(1978 - 1985\)](#)  
Date: 1978 - 1985

- [Community Services Victoria, State Government of Victoria \(1985 - 1992\)](#)  
Date: 1985 - 1988

## Resources

- Harrison, Stephen, [Submission no 401 to the Senate Inquiry into Children in Institutional Care](#), 2005
- [Ashendene Boys Home \(1966-88\)](#), Finding Records, No date. *Relevance:* See the 'List of records held by the department' section for information about records relating to Ashendene Boys' Home
- Savidis, Penny, [Sex abuse Royal Commission urged to hold public meetings in regional Victoria](#), Ryan Carlisle Thomas Lawyers, 2014

## Records

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

### Records

- [Victorian Government Wardship and/or Out of Home Care Records \(1864 - current\)](#)
  - [Child Information and Departmental Administration records, Turana, Baltara Reception Centre, Langi Kal Kal and Malmsbury Youth Training Centres, Melbourne Youth Justice Centre \(c. 1950 - c. 2005\)](#)
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