

# Padua Hall

1945 – 1960

## Details

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Padua Hall was established by the Franciscan Friars in Kew in 1945. It provided a 'halfway house' for former residents of the Morning Star Youth Training Centre at Mt Eliza, and also Catholic 'youths' who were wards of state with indeterminate sentences. Padua Hall closed in 1960.

Padua Hall was an institution in Kew run by the Franciscan Friars from 1945 to 1960. According to '*A piece of the story*' (1999), it provided a 'halfway house between the Morning Star Youth Training Centre at Mt Eliza and complete rehabilitation for Catholic youths who, under the then Victorian legislation, had been committed by the courts to the Centre as Wards of State with indeterminate sentences'.

Padua Hall became financially non-viable with the passage of the Children's Welfare Act 1954, which made all sentences for children determinate. Padua Hall closed on 30 September 1960.

## More info

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### Related Entries

#### Run by

- [Franciscan Friars \(1839 - current\)](#)  
Date: 1945 - 1960

#### Related Legislation

- [Children's Welfare Act 1954, Victoria \(1955 - 1959\)](#)

#### Related Organisations

- [Morning Star Boys' Home \(c. 1936 - 1975\)](#)  
Padua Hall has been described as an 'adjunct' to the Morning Star Home.

## Resources

- James Jenkinson Consulting, [Guide to out-of-home care services 1940-2000 - Volume One: Agency Descriptions](#), November 2001
- [Judge Slates Regulation Pocket Money 'Absurd'](#), The Argus, 22 August 1953

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