

St Joseph's Cowper Children's Homes

1972 – 1994

Other Names: • Cowper

Details

St Joseph's Cowper Children's Homes was established in 1972 following the relocation of St Joseph's Orphanage to North Street, Grafton. In 1993 the service became known as St Joseph's Cowper.

In 1972, the St Joseph's Orphanage relocated to a site in North Street, Grafton and became known as St Joseph's Cowper Children's Homes. This change was to replace dormitory style accommodation with family group homes and to have an easier access to education, medical and leisure opportunities for those in residential care. The land was part of a bequest while the new accommodation was provided for out of the sale of the farmland at Cowper and public donations. By then the financial needs of the agency were being partly provided for by the State Government.

In 1982 the Dalton Report called for, among other things, an upgrading of the quality of care provided for children and young people in group homes and the provision of greater financial support by the Government for recurrent spending in residential care. St Joseph's changed to Alternate Care and Accommodation funding in 1985. While this funding was based on a percentage of the previous year's expenses, it nevertheless provided increased finance for St Joseph's to embark on the creative innovations that have brought it to its present form.

More info

Chronology

- St Joseph's Orphanage, Cowper (1913 - 1972)
 - **St Joseph's Cowper Children's Homes (1972 – 1994)**
 - St Joseph's Cowper Incorporated (1993 - 1 October 2017)

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- Australian Catholic Social Welfare Commission and the Australian Conference of Leaders of Religious Institutes, *A piece of the story : national directory of records of Catholic organisations caring for children separated from families*, November 1999

Records

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- [St Joseph's Cowper Records \(1912 - 2017\)](#)
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