

# La Perouse Training School for Girls

28 July 1928 – 1939

**Other Names:** • Girls' Industrial School, La Perouse

## Details

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The La Perouse Training School was opened in 1928 in Yarra Bay House at Phillip Bay at La Perouse as an annexe of the Parramatta Girls Training Home. It held girls who had been committed to Parramatta but who were generally younger and was deemed less problematic. In 1940 La Perouse Training School closed and Yarra Bay House Truant School for boys was established at the same site.

The La Perouse Training School was proclaimed on 28 July 1928 under the control of the Superintendent at Parramatta, with a Matron responsible for day to day operations.

The girls housed in La Perouse were deemed 'less depraved and younger' than those housed at Parramatta Girls Training Home, and 'whose general conduct and good health justify it'.

La Perouse was an 'open' institution and discipline was more relaxed. Girls were allowed a degree of freedom to enjoy its beach-side location. The school used the domestic science curriculum and emphasised training for domestic duties.

In December 1939 the annexe was closed and in 1940 Yarra Bay House was converted to a Truant School for Boys.

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Yarra Bay House, Phillip Bay

## More info

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### Related Entries

#### Run by

- [Child Welfare Department, State Government of New South Wales \(1923 - 1970\)](#)

#### Related Organisations

- [Parramatta Girls Training Home \(1912 - 1946\)](#)

La Perouse Training School for Girls was an annexe of Parramatta Girls Training Home.

## Resources

- Boyle, Brian, *The Child Welfare Schools: Recollections of these unique schools and the men and women who taught in them often under considerable difficulty*, 1996
- [They'll All Enjoy Christmas Parties](#), The Australian Women's Weekly, 9 December 1933

## Records

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

### Records

- [Departmental Records relating to State Wards, New South Wales \(1918 - current\)](#)
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