

# Brush Farm Reformatory

1908 – 1912

**Other Names:**

- Brush Farm
- Dundas Refomatory

## Details

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Brush Farm Reformatory was operated by the Department of Public Instruction from 1908 at Brush Farm, Eastwood, in the Dundas Valley. It had been the Carpentarian Reformatory for Boys. Brush Farm Reformatory closed in 1912 when the boys were moved to the Gosford Farm Home for Boys at Mount Penang.

Brush Farm is in an area of Eastwood that is part of the Dundas Valley, so this reformatory is often called Dundas Reformatory.

A number of boys from Brush Farm Reformatory were taken to Kariong in 1911 to help construct the buildings and lay out the grounds for Gosford Farm Home for Boys. They lived in tents and were supervised by a staff member from the Brush Farm Reformatory. Once Gosford Farm Home was complete Brush Farm Reformatory was closed down.

## Gallery

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**Brush Farm Reformatory dormitory**

**Description:** Brush Farm Reformatory dormitory, September 1910.



**Main block, Brush Farm**



**Laundry, Brush Farm**

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**Brush Farm Reformatory quarters**

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**The principal's quarters, Brush Farm**

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**The dining room, Brush Farm**

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**The dairy and stables, Brush Farm**

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## More info

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### Chronology

- Carpentarian Reformatory for Boys (1894 - c. 1908)
  - **Brush Farm Reformatory (1908 – 1912)**
    - Gosford Farm Home for Boys (1911 - 1923)
    - Gosford Training School (1923 - 1945)
    - Mount Penang Training School for Boys (1946 - 1987)
    - Mount Penang Detention Centre (1988 - 1991)
    - Mt Penang Juvenile Justice Centre (1991 - 1999)

### Related Entries

#### Run by

- [State Children's Relief Board \(1881 - 1923\)](#)
- [Department of Public Instruction \(1880 - 1915\)](#)

Date: 1908 - 1912

#### Related Legislation

- [Neglected Children and Juvenile Offenders Act 1905, New South Wales \(1905 - 1923\)](#)

#### Related Organisations

- [Sobraon Training Ship \(1892 - 1911\)](#)

The 'Sobraon' Training Ship was used until 1911 when the remaining boys were sent to the Mittagong Farm Home for Boys and the Brush Farm Reformatory.

## Resources

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