

# Turner Cottage Special School for Truants

1938 – 1946

## Details

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Turner Cottage Special School for Truants was proclaimed a special school on 20 May 1938. It was located on the same site as the Mittagong Farm Home for Boys, and for a time, the school was under the administration of the Superintendent of Mittagong. When Anglewood Special School opened, boys from Turner Cottage were transferred there. The last boys left the Turner Cottage Special School for Truants in May 1946.

Turner Cottage Special School for Truants was located on the same site as Mittagong Farm Home for Boys. In 1936, a vacant cottage at Mittagong was being prepared to house boys convicted of truancy in the Children's Court.

Turner Cottage accommodated a maximum of 25 boys.

The teacher in charge, Arthur Beasley, lived at Turner Cottage, and according to Boyle, Beasley 'had his own room and free board in return for four nights of supervision and construction/activity for the 18 boys then in residence'. There was also a married couple who ran Turner Cottage.

When Anglewood (another special school for truants, located at Burradoo near Bowral) opened, boys from Turner Cottage were transferred there. The final transfer took place in May 1946.

Following the final transfer of boys to Anglewood, Turner Cottage was used by the Department to accommodate male state wards.

## Gallery

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**Turner Cottage. Attractive spacious grounds are a feature of the ward cottages at Mittagong**

**Description:** This is a copy of an image that appeared in the Child Welfare Department of New South Wales Annual Report of 1963.



**Turner Cottage - dormitory**

**Description:** This is a photograph of a dormitory at Turner Cottage, Mittagong. It shows a large bedroom filled with 12 beds in rows. There is no other furniture in the room. All beds have 'Turner Cottage' embroidered on the corner of the pillowcase.

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## Child Welfare Farm Home for Boys, Mittagong - Turner Home classroom

**Description:** This is a photograph of boys in a classroom at Turner Cottage, Mittagong. It shows approximately 20 boys and two staff members in two classrooms which are joined by a sliding door. Most of the boys are seated at desks in the front classroom, writing in notebooks. Four boys are in the rear classroom sitting or standing at benches, handling various objects.

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## More info

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### Related Entries

#### Run by

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

#### Related Organisations

- [Mittagong Farm Home for Boys \(1906 - 1947\)](#)  
Turner Cottage Special School for Truants was situated at the Mittagong Farm Home for Boys.
- [Anglewood \(1943 - 1994\)](#)  
When Anglewood opened, boys from the Turner Cottage Special School for Truants were transferred there.

### Resources

- State Records Authority of New South Wales, [Anglewood](#), No date

## Records

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

### Records held by other organisations

- [Departmental Records relating to State Wards, New South Wales \(1918 - current\)](#)
  - [School Files \(1876 - 1979\)](#)
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