

# Colonial Secretary

10 December 1859 – 6 August 1896

## Details

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The Colonial Secretary's office in Queensland administered all matters not the responsibility of the Colonial Treasurer or the Attorney-General. The administrative functions of the Colonial Secretary included: Reform Schools, Insanity – asylums, Reception houses for the insane, Hospitals and charitable institutions, Public health, Medical establishments, including quarantine, vaccination, and lunatic asylums. On 6 August 1896, the name of the office was changed from Colonial Secretary to Home Secretary.

## More info

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### Chronology

- **Colonial Secretary (10 December 1859 – 6 August 1896)**
  - Home Secretary's Office (6 August 1896 - 5 December 1935)
    - Health and Home Affairs Department (5 December 1935 - 26 September 1963)
      - Health Department, State Government of Queensland (26 September 1963 - 3 April 2012)
        - Queensland Health (3 April 2012 - current)

### Related Entries

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- [Diamantina Orphanage \(1865 - 1910\)](#)  
Date: 1865 - 1896
- [Reformatory School for Boys, Lytton \(16 February 1881 - 1 October 1899\)](#)  
Date: 1881 - 1896
- [Industrial and Reformatory School for Girls, Toowoomba \(1 April 1881 - c. 1890\)](#)  
Date: 1881 - 1890
- [Industrial School for Girls, Toowoomba \(c. 1890 - 14 October 1903\)](#)  
Date: 1890 - 1896
- [Reformatory School for Boys - Hulk \*Proserpine\* \(15 March 1871 - 16 February 1881\)](#)  
Date: 1871 - 1881
- [Willowburn Mental Asylum \(1867 - 1953\)](#)  
Date: 1867 - 1896
- [Woogaroo Lunatic Asylum \(1865 - c. 1880\)](#)  
Date: 1865 - 1880
- [Ipswich Branch of the Woogaroo Lunatic Asylum \(1878 - 1910\)](#)  
Date: 1878 - 1896
- [Friday Island Lazaret \(27 October 1892 - c. 1907\)](#)  
Date: 1892 - 1896
- [Stradbroke Island Lazaret \(25 November 1892 - 1907\)](#)  
Date: 1892 - 1896

- [Aboriginal Mission Station, Bloomfield River \(1886 - 1887\)](#)  
Date: 1886 - 1887
- [Brisbane Industrial Home \(18 July 1883 - c. 1922\)](#)  
Date: 1883 - 1896
- [Royal Brisbane Hospital \(1867 - 2003\)](#)

## Resources

- [Research Guide to orphanage and children's home records at Queensland State Archives](#), Queensland State Archives website, February 2022
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