

Chelmer Children's Home

1968? – 1995

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The Chelmer Children's Home, situated at 7 Laurel Avenue, Chelmer was operated by the Presbyterian Church. In 1968 it was described as a family group home. In November 1969, it opened as a special care centre for disabled babies and toddlers, with a family group wing. The house later became a private residence and has been substantially remodelled.

A publication from 1968 stated that the purpose of Presbyterian family group homes in Queensland was:

to provide children, bereft of normal family living, with a home environment, controlled by substitute parents. Each home accommodates ten children. Children of all denominations accepted, but they attend Presbyterian worship.

The children are classified into normal family units and natural families of brothers and sisters are kept together. They are assimilated into local schools, churches and other community activities (Social Services Queensland, 1968, p.93).

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WR Black Home at Chelmer, operated by the Presbyterian Church - Inquiry photograph

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