

Boys' Reformatory, Magill

1869 – 1880

Details

The Boys Reformatory, Magill was established in 1869 in the northern wing of the Magill Industrial School. Run by the Destitute Board, it accommodated boys who had been charged with an offence or were considered to have behavioural problems. In 1880 the boys were moved to a ship in Largs Bay, The Reformatory Hulk, Fitzjames.

With the introduction of the 1866-67 Destitute Persons Relief Act, the majority of children were moved out of the Destitute Asylum into institutions specifically for children. Once the Magill Industrial School opened in 1869 a section of the building was set aside as a reformatory for Boys who had been charged with an offence or were considered to have behavioural problems. The Boys Reformatory, Magill was run by the Destitute Board. In 1880 the boys were moved from Magill to a decommissioned three-masted ship, the Reformatory Hulk, Fitzjames, moored in shallow water at Largs Bay.

The Hulk was to operate for 11 years before the boys returned to Magill.

Gallery



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Description: This image is of the Boys' Reformatory, Magill and the Boys Reformatory, Magill.



Premises of the old reformatory at Magill

Description: This image shows the building where the Girls Reformatory, Magill, Magill Industrial School and the Boys' Reformatory, Magill had operated. At the time of the photo the Boys Reformatory, Magill was run in the building.

More info

Chronology

- **Boys' Reformatory, Magill (1869 – 1880)**
 - Boys' Reformatory Hulk, Fitzjames (1880 - 1891)
 - Boys Reformatory, Magill (1891 - 1967)
 - McNally Training Centre (1967 - 1979)
 - South Australian Youth Training Centre (1979 - 1993)

- Magill Training Centre (1993 - 2012)

Related Entries

Run by

- [Destitute Board, South Australian Government \(1849 - 1927\)](#)

Related Organisations

- [Boys Reformatory, Magill \(1891 - 1967\)](#)
The Boys' Reformatory at Magill ceased operating for 11 years from 1880 with boys being sent to the Reformatory Hulk, Fitzjames. The Boys' Reformatory, Magill reopened in 1891.
- [Brighton Industrial School \(1867 - 1869\)](#)
Due to overcrowding at the Brighton Industrial School a number of boys were sent to the Boys' Reformatory, Magill.
- [Ilfracombe, Boys Reformatory \(1869 - 1880\)](#)
Boys from the Boys' Reformatory, Magill and Ilfracombe Boys' Reformatory were sent to the Reformatory Hulk, Fitzjames in 1880.

Related Legislation

- [Destitute Persons Relief Act 1866, South Australia \(1867 - 1872\)](#)

Resources

- Walsh, Dave, [Life in Magill Youth Training Centre](#), Weekend Notes, 18 April 2014

Records

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

Records

- [Mandates committing children to the custody of the Department, Social Welfare Department and Predecessors \(1880 - 1972\)](#)
 - [Index to admissions - Boys Reformatory, McNally Training Centre, Magill \(1877 - 1975\)](#)
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