

# Education Department [Western Australia]

13 October 1893 – 1 July 1988

## Details

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The Education Department was created in 1893 and a Minister of Education was appointed. The education of children in schools that received government grants had previously been the responsibility of the General Board of Education (1847-1871) and then the Central Board of Education (1871-1893). In 1899 the Public Education Act made it compulsory for all children aged between six and fourteen years to attend school, which included all children in out of home care. By 1910, there were 14 of these institutions giving primary education. The Education Act 1928 further modernized the education system and gave greater powers to the Director-General of Education. Children who were in out of home care in WA, even those who attended local primary schools as institutional schooling was phased out, were all influenced in some way by the operations of the Education Department. Education Department records provide valuable information about activities and children in schools across the years.

## More info

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### Chronology

- **Education Department [Western Australia] (13 October 1893 – 1 July 1988)**
  - Ministry of Education, State of Western Australia (1 July 1988 - 1 January 1994)
    - Education Department of Western Australia, State of Western Australia (1 January 1994 - 3 February 2003)
    - Department of Education and Training, State of Western Australia (2003 - current)

### Related Entries

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- [Chidley Educational Centre \(1976 - 1998\)](#)

#### Related Events

- [Child Sexual Abuse Task Force, Western Australia \(June 1986 - December 1987\)](#)

The Education Department (which was also known informally as the Ministry of Education at that time) was represented on the Child Sexual Abuse Task Force.

#### Related Legislation

- [Education Act 1928, Western Australia \(1928 - 1999\)](#)

#### Related Organisations

- [The Priory Hostel, Albany \(1955? - 1988?\)](#)

The Priory was purchased by the Education Department of Western Australia in 1955.

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## Resources

- Green, Neville, [WA Schools Records Index 1891-2005](#), 2013

## Records

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### Records

- [Records of Sunday Island Primary School \(1955 - 1962\)](#)
  - [Files - Departmental \[Education Department\] \(1 January 1885 - 31 December 2000\)](#)
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