

Darlington Cottage

1974 – 1977

Other Names: • Darlington Hostel

Details

Darlington Cottage was established in 1974 as a government-run group home for up to 10 school-age boys whom authorities believed would not be able to settle into foster care. In 1977, Darlington became part of the Hillston detention centre program.

According to government reports (*Signposts* 2004, pp.183-184), Darlington Cottage was a large house, able to accommodate up to 10 boys at one time. The boys went to school locally. In 1975, authorities (p.184), gave an insight into what they hoped to achieve by placing boys at Darlington, which was 'mainly for boys who can cope with a normal school curriculum but this is not a necessary criterion providing the individual has a degree of motivation to attend school and the school is able to provide a course of studies suitable to the boy's needs...The establishment of this cottage has allowed for boys resident there to become totally involved in the community and to develop social competence.'

By 1977, Darlington Cottage had become part of the Hillston detention centre program and developed a strong relationship to youth justice-related accommodation.

More info

Chronology

- **Darlington Cottage (1974 – 1977)**
 - Darlington Cottage (1977 - 1983)
 - Darlington House (1983 - current)

Related Entries

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- [Department for Community Welfare, State of Western Australia \(1972 - 1985\)](#)

Resources

- Information Services, Department for Community Development, [Signposts: A Guide for Children and Young People in Care in WA from 1920](#), 2004. *Relevance:* pp.184-186

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