

# Kormilda College

1967 – 2017

## Details

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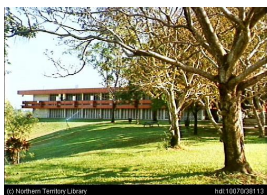
Kormilda College was opened at Berrimah in Darwin by the Commonwealth Government in 1967. It operated as a hostel and boarding school for Indigenous children moving into secondary school education. The first 121 students came from 27 different remote Northern Territory communities, missions and stations. Communities that first sent children to the College included Elcho Island Mission, Hermannsburg Mission, Santa Teresa Mission, Goulburn Island Mission and Warrabri.

From 1989 the College came under the joint ownership of the Uniting Church and Anglican Church. The College continued to provide residential education programs for Indigenous children but also began to provide education for day students and boarders from the broader community.

Kormilda College was taken over by Haileybury College in 2017. In January 2018 the school continued operating on the site under the new name of Haileybury Rendall School, with the boarding house operation retaining the name of Kormilda.

## Gallery

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**Kormilda College**

**Description:** This is a copy of a photograph from 1995. Its Northern Territory Library catalogue description is 'Kormilda College, old girls' dormitory'.



**Kormilda College residential building**

**Description:** This is a copy of a photograph from 1973. Its Northern Territory Library catalogue description is 'Kormilda Aboriginal Residential College, girls wing from the south. Designed and constructed by the Northern Territory Regional Office of the Department of Housing and Construction, Commonwealth of Australia'.

## More info

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## Related Entries

### Run by

- [Uniting Church in Australia, Northern Synod \(1977 - current\)](#)  
The Uniting Church and the Anglican Church jointly ran Kormilda College from 1989.  
Date: 1989 -
- [Department of Aboriginal Affairs, Northern Territory Division, Australian Government \(1972 - 1990\)](#)  
Date: 1967 - 1988
- [Diocese of the Northern Territory \(1968 - current\)](#)  
Date: 1989 -

### Related Organisations

- [Santa Teresa Mission \(1953 - 1977\)](#)  
Some of the first students to Kormilda College came from the Santa Teresa Mission.  
Date: 1968 -
- [Goulburn Island Mission \(1916 - 1973\)](#)  
Some of the first students to enrol at Kormilda College came from the Goulburn Island Mission.  
Date: 1967 -
- [Hermannsburg Mission \(1877 - 1982\)](#)  
Some of the first students to Kormilda College came from Hermannsburg.  
Date: 1968 -
- [Elcho Island Mission \(1942 - 1974?\)](#)  
Some of the first students to enrol at Kormilda College came from the Elcho Island Mission.  
Date: 1968 -
- [Warrabri \(1954 - 1978\)](#)  
Some of the first students to Kormilda College came from Warrabri settlement.  
Date: 1967 -

## Resources

- Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet, [Certainty for Kormilda College students](#), 2017

## Records

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

### Records

- [Kormilda College collection \(1950 - 2015\)](#)
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