

# Quamby Youth Detention Centre

1962 – 2008

**Other Names:**

- Quamby
- Quamby Remand Centre

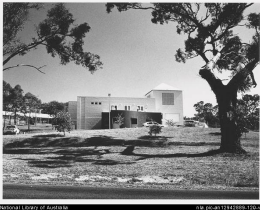
## Details

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The Quamby Youth Detention Centre in Symonston opened in 1962. It was a government-run facility, housing youth on short term remand, and (in the absence of any other facility) some children unable to live at home. Most ACT children who were sent to institutions in New South Wales initially spent some time in Quamby. In 2008, Quamby was replaced by the Bimberi Youth Justice Centre.

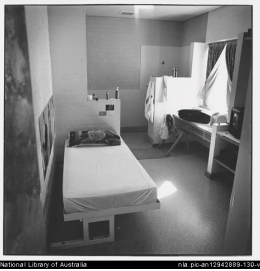
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**Quamby Youth Detention Centre, Symonston, Canberra - view of the centre [picture].**

**Description:** This image shows a view of the Quamby Youth Detention Centre.



**Quamby Youth Detention Centre, Symonston, Canberra - typical residents room**



**Quamby Youth Detention Centre, Symonston, Canberra - residents and instructor in industrial arts room**

## More info

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# Chronology

- **Quamby Youth Detention Centre (1962 – 2008)**
  - Bimberi Youth Justice Centre (2008 - current)

## Related Entries

### Run by

- [Office for Children, Youth and Family Support, Australian Capital Territory \(2004 - current\)](#)

The Quamby Youth Detention Centre was run by the Office of Children, Youth and Family Support.  
Date: 2004 - 2008

### Related Events

- [Transfer of children from Australian Capital Territory \(ACT\) and Norfolk Island to New South Wales \(NSW\) \(1941 - 1986\)](#)

With the establishment of Quamby Youth Detention Centre in 1962, children and young people were generally placed at Quamby before they were transferred to NSW.

### Related Legislation

- [Children and Young People Act 1999, Australian Capital Territory \(1999 - 2009\)](#)
- [Children and Young People Act 2008, Australian Capital Territory \(2008 - current\)](#)

The Children and Young People Act responded to concerns raised about the Quamby Youth Detention Centre requiring that future juvenile justice centres comply with Human Rights legislation.

### Related Organisations

- [Mount Penang Training School for Boys \(1946 - 1987\)](#)
- [Lowana Youth Services \(1989 - 2012\)](#)

Lowana Youth Services provided programs and assistance aimed at helping young people exiting Quamby Youth Detention Centre before its closure in 2008.  
Date: 1989 - 2008
- [Birralee \(1957? - 1968\)](#)

Quamby Youth Detention Centre and Birralee were the only government-run institutions for children in Canberra, until the establishment of Bimberi Youth Detention Centre in 2008.
- [Ormond, Thornleigh \(28 October 1946 - 1962\)](#)
- [Parramatta Girls Training School \(1946 - 1974\)](#)
- [Human Rights Commission, Australian Capital Territory \(2006 - current\)](#)

## Resources

- ACT Human Rights Commission, [Human Rights Audit of Quamby Youth Detention Centre](#), 2005
- Atkinson, Lynn, [An overview of juvenile detention in Australia](#), National Conference on Juvenile Detention: Proceedings of a conference held 10-13 August 1993, 1994
- Wybron, Deb and Dicker, Kiri, [Invisible Bars - The Stories Behind the Stats](#), 2009

## Records

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

### Records

- [Audit records, Quamby Youth Detention Centre \(2005 - 2005\)](#)
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