

# St John of God Brothers

1947 –

**Other Names:** • Brothers of St John of God

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## Details

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The Order of St John of God came to Australia from Ireland in 1947. Its first work was in New South Wales for boys with learning difficulties. In 1953, the Brothers purchased the site that formerly housed the Methodist Homes for Children at Cheltenham and established the St John of God Training Centre.

The St John of God Brothers ran a number of institutions in Victoria, including Churinga in Greensborough, the Marian Lodge Training Centre, Raelene Hostel in Mentone, and Yarra View in Lilydale.

## Gallery

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**The Hawthorn Path**

**Description:** [Depicts a painting of the Gulliver's farm at Cheltenham which in 1922 was bought by Methodist Homes. By the 1950s the property was bought by the Catholic Church to eventually become the boys' home run by the St John of God Brothers. After 1966, the land was sold and later became the Southland shopping centre.]

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## More info

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### Related Entries

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- [St John of God Training Centre \(1953 - 1967\)](#)  
St John of God Training Centre was a Home and special school for Catholic boys aged 7 to 16 with mild intellectual disabilities.
- [Churinga Special Residential School \(1967 - 1990\)](#)  
Churinga catered for boys with severe intellectual disabilities.  
Date: 1967 - 1990
- [Yarra View Training Farm \(1957 - 1967?\)](#)  
The Yarra View Training Farm provided a 'sheltered workshop' environment for boys with mild and moderate intellectual disabilities over the age of 16 years.  
Date: 1957 - ?

- [Marian Lodge Training Centre \(1953 - 1967\)](#)  
Marian Lodge catered for boys with moderate intellectual disabilities.

#### **Related Organisations**

- [The Hospitaller Brothers of St. John of God \(1947 - current\)](#)

## Resources

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  - Ewing, Tania, [Claims of sexual abuse by intellectually disabled](#), The Age, 23 May 1998
  - [Sold for £39500](#), The Argus, 12 March 1953
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