

St Paul's Home For Boys

1955 – 1979

Details

The St Paul's Home for Boys was established in 1955 by the Mission of St James and St John. It was located at Newhaven, Phillip Island, on the site of the former St Paul's Training School. In 1979, it ceased to be a Home and became the site of the St Paul's Discovery Centre, a holiday camp for 'disadvantaged' children.

In 1955, St Paul's Training School as a 'home for the care of delinquent boys' was closed, due to insufficient numbers of 'delinquents' (more government-run Homes were opening during this period), and also because of changing ideas about the care of young offenders. Eleven remaining state wards were returned to the 'care' of the Department.

From this point, St Paul's thus became eligible as a boys' home. At this time, some boys were transferred from the soon-to-be-closed St Nicholas' in Glenroy to St Paul's. With this change, according to Cole, St Paul's became 'an entirely different kind of place'. From 1956 to 1969, it was known as St Paul's Home for Boys.

In August 1957, St Paul's Home for Boys was declared as an approved children's home under the Children's Welfare Act 1954.

In 1973, the Mission implemented the partial closure of St Paul's, again due to a drop in numbers. Many boys were now accommodated at Andrew Kerr Memorial Home or the Blackburn South Cottages.

St Paul's ceased operation as a children's home in 1979 and was re-established as the St Paul's Discovery Centre, delivering programs for socially disadvantaged children.

In 1997 the Mission of St James and St John became part of Anglicare Victoria. At this time, records of the Mission were transferred to Anglicare Victoria. These included records of the various orphanages, homes and other residences run by the Mission. The custodian of these records is Anglicare Victoria.

Gallery



Newhaven: Views of a chicory kiln opposite the Information Center and the St. Paul's Home for Boys [picture 1]

Description: Newhaven: series includes 3 photographs : gelatin silver ; 12.5 x 8.8 cm. approx.



Newhaven: Views of a chicory kiln opposite the Information Center and the St. Paul's Home for Boys [picture 2]

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Newhaven [chapel]

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Phillip Island. Newhaven. St. Paul's Discovery Centre [chapel interior]

Description: One of a collection of 3 photographs : gelatin silver ; 8.8 x 12.5 cm. approx. Shows interior and exterior of chapel and other buildings



Phillip Island. Newhaven. St. Paul's Discovery Centre [chapel exterior]

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Abandoned boys home left empty for decades

Description: This is a YouTube video with footage of the exterior and interior of the former St Paul's Training School at Newhaven, Phillip Island, Victoria.

More info

Chronology

- St Paul's Training School (1928 - 1955)
 - **St Paul's Home For Boys (1955 – 1979)**

Related Entries

Run by

- [Mission of St James and St John \(1919 - 1997\)](#)

Related Organisations

- [St Nicholas' Boys' Home \(1926 - c. 1955\)](#)
In 1955, St Paul's Training School was closed, and it became known as St Paul's Boys' Home. At this time, some boys were transferred to St Paul's from St Nicholas' Boys' Home in Glenroy.
- [St Paul's Discovery Centre \(1979 - 2004?\)](#)
The Discovery Centre ran a holiday camp in the former site of the St Paul's Boys' Home at Newhaven.
Date: 1979 -

Resources

- James Jenkinson Consulting, [Guide to out-of-home care services 1940-2000 - Volume One: Agency Descriptions](#), November 2001
- Nunn, H.W., [Social Services \(Chapter VIII of A Short History of the Church of England in Victoria 1847-1947\)](#), Issued by the Editorial Committee of the Centenary Celebrations, Melbourne Diocese, 1947
- Sutton, Megan, *A new beginning : a history of St. Paul's Home for Boys, Newhaven*, 1991
- Dean, R.M., [Submission no 432 to the Senate Inquiry into Children in Institutional Care](#), 2004
- [St Paul's Training School for Boys \(1928-79\)](#), Finding Records, No date. *Relevance:* See the 'List of records held by the department' section for information about records relating to St Paul's Home for Boys
- [Ken Pound interviewed by Gwenda Davey in the Forgotten Australians and Former Child Migrants oral history project](#), 29 November 2010 - 13 December 2010

Records

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

Records

- [Anglicare Victoria Records \(1886 - current\)](#)
 - [Clements Langford Pty Ltd \(1868 - 1960\)](#)
 - [Voluntary Children's Homes Files \(1921 - 1989\)](#)
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