

St Brigid's Girls' Home, Ryde

1898 – 1978

Other Names:

- St Brigid's Convent and Orphanage
- St Brigid's Orphanage

Details

St Brigid's Girls' Home opened in 1898 at Ryde and was operated by the Sisters of Mercy Parramatta Congregation. It housed girls aged 5 to 15 years. St Brigid's Girls' Home closed in 1978.

St Brigid's Girls' Home was opened, under the patronage of Cardinal Moran, on 17 June 1898.

Records of the Home are held by the Convent of Mercy Archives in Parramatta. Copies of records from 1929-1935 are held by the Catholic Children's Homes Enquiry Service.

St Brigid's Girls' Home was mentioned in the Lost Innocents Report (2001) as an institution involved in the migration of children to Australia.

Gallery



St Brigid's Girls' Home

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St. Brigid's Convent and Orphanage, Ryde, New South Wales

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Orphan girls on the lawn in front of St Brigid's convent, Victoria Road Ryde, c.1938

Description: This is a photograph of St Brigid's Girls' Home, Ryde, taken by Arthur Ernest Foster around 1938. The image shows girls from St Brigid's Girls' Home in the front garden of the St Brigid's Convent, with St Brigid's Orphanage in the background. The title for this image was provided by Ryde Library & Information Services.

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Related Entries

Run by

- [Sisters of Mercy, Parramatta Congregation \(1888 - current\)](#)
Date: 1898 - 1978

Related Events

- [Visit of John Moss \(1951\)](#)
John Moss inspected this home as part of his 1951 tour and report

Related Organisations

- [Catholic Children's Homes Enquiry Service \(1994 - current\)](#)
The Catholic Children's Homes Enquiry Service holds copies of records relating to St Brigid's Girls' Home.

Related Concepts

- [Child Migration \(1800s - 1970s\)](#)

Resources

- Community Affairs References Committee, [Lost Innocents: Righting the record - Report on child migration](#), 30 August 2001
- [The Cry of the Children: Mr P McGarry Introduces a Deputation: The Chief Secretary's Sympathetic Words](#), Freeman's Journal, 25 November 1915
- [Dreams of pets, milkshakes and ironed clothes](#), Sydney Morning Herald, 1 September 2004
- Australian Catholic Social Welfare Commission and the Australian Conference of Leaders of Religious Institutes, *A piece of the story : national directory of records of Catholic organisations caring for children separated from families*, November 1999

Records

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

Records

- [Records held by the Convent of Mercy Archives \(1898 - current\)](#)
 - [Catholic Children's Homes Registers \(c. 1888 - c. 1990\)](#)
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