

# Bexley Boys' Home

1915 – 1979

**Other Names:**

- Salvation Army Boys' Home Bexley North
- Kolling Memorial Boys Home
- Bexley Boys' Probationary Home

## Details

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Bexley Boys' Home was a Salvation Army home that was located on the corner of Kingsland Road and Barnsbury Grove at Bexley North. It commenced as a Probationary Home for Boys in 1915, taking boys referred from the courts. It became a boys' home in 1931. It was renamed Kolling Memorial Boys' Home in 1967 and closed in 1979.

When Bexley Boys' Home was closed the remaining boys were transferred to the Marrickville Children's Residence. The Bexley site has been redeveloped by the Salvation Army as its Officer Training College and in 2014 contains the Salvation Army's Heritage Centre.

Bexley Boys' Home was mentioned in the Lost Innocents Report (2001) as an institution involved in the migration of children to Australia.

Bexley Boys' Home was investigated by the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse in Case Study 05: The Salvation Army boys' homes, Australian Eastern Territory.

## Gallery

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**Salvation Army Boys Home Bexley North**

**Description:** This photo is undated, the date included is an estimate.



**Bexley Boys' Home**

**Description:** This is an image of the Salvation Army's Bexley Boys' Home. It shows a large two-storey building with two signs on the front reading "Bexley" and "The Charles Kolling Memorial Building." This photo appeared in an article published by the *St George & Sutherland Shire Leader* about abuse that occurred at the home. The article also contains another photo of boys at the home. This photo is undated, the date included is an estimate

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## More info

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## Related Entries

### Run by

- [The Salvation Army, Australian Territory \(1880 - 1921\)](#)
- [The Salvation Army Australia Eastern Territory \(1921 - 2018\)](#)

### Related Events

- [Case Study 05: The Salvation Army boys' homes, Australian Eastern Territory, Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse \(2014\)](#)

### Related Organisations

- [Dee Why Home for Boys \(1924 - 1936\)](#)  
When Dee Why Home for Boys was closed some of the boys were sent to Bexley Boys' Home.
- [Marrickville Children's Residence \(1979 - 1982\)](#)  
When Bexley Boys' Home closed the children were transferred to Marrickville Children's Residence.
- [Children's Court of New South Wales \(October 1905 - current\)](#)

## Resources

- Community Affairs References Committee, [Lost Innocents: Righting the record - Report on child migration](#), 30 August 2001
- [Boys' Home: First Arrivals](#), Goulburn Evening Penny Post, 29 September 1936
- [Opening Submissions of Counsel Assisting: Case Study 05: The Salvation Army boys' homes, Australian Eastern Territory, January 2014](#), 28 January 2014
- Cleland, Sharon, [Caring for the Children: A history of institutional care provided by The Salvation Army for Australian children and youth \(1893-1995\)](#), August 2012
- Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse, [Report of Case Study No. 5: Response of The Salvation Army to child sexual abuse at its boys homes in New South Wales and Queensland](#), January 2015

## Records

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

### Records

- [Salvation Army Australia, Records of Homes in the former Eastern Territory \(c. 1891 - 1990s\)](#)
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