

# Industrial and Reformatory Schools Act 1865, Queensland

1865 – 1911

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## Details

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The Industrial and Reformatory Schools Act 1865 – with the full title “An Act to provide for the establishment of Industrial and Reformatory Schools” (Act no. 8/1865, 29 Vic No.8) set up special schools to educate and care for neglected children and young offenders under the age of 15 years. The Act allowed Indigenous children to be sent to industrial schools or reformatories on the ground of ‘neglect’. Simply being Aboriginal was proof of neglect. For the purposes of the Act, missions were declared to be industrial schools or reformatories to which Indigenous children could be sent. The act was repealed by the State Children Act 1911 on the 30th of November 1911 (Act no. 2 Geo.V.No.13).

Under the provisions of the Industrial and Reformatory Schools Act of 1865, reformatory schools received children under the age of fifteen who were unmanageable or incorrigible, or who had been given convictions.

## More info

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### Chronology

- **Industrial and Reformatory Schools Act 1865, Queensland (1865 – 1911)**
  - State Children Act 1911, Queensland (1911 - 1966)
    - Children's Services Act 1965, Queensland (1965 - 2000)
      - Child Protection Act 1999, Queensland (1999 - current)

### Related Entries

#### Related Glossary Terms

- [Neglected Child \(c. 1864 - 1970s\)](#)

#### Related Legislation

- [Orphanages Act 1879, Queensland \(1879 - 1911\)](#)

#### Related Organisations

- [Diamantina Reformatory School for Boys \(1 October 1899 - 5 May 1900\)](#)
- [Industrial School for Boys, Riverview \(1 October 1898 - 1926\)](#)
- [Industrial School for Girls, Wooloowin \(1904 - c. 1966\)](#)
- [Preventative Home for Girls, Riverview \(19 April 1897 - 1898\)](#)
- [Westbrook Reformatory for Boys \(5 May 1900 - 30 October 1919\)](#)

- [Industrial School for Girls, Clayfield \(1903 - 1920\)](#)
- [Industrial School for Girls, Nudgee \(1903 - 1942\)](#)
- [Industrial School, Mapoon Mission Station \(1901 - 1963\)](#)
- [Reformatory School for Boys, Lytton \(16 February 1881 - 1 October 1899\)](#)
- [Industrial and Reformatory School for Girls, Toowoomba \(1 April 1881 - c. 1890\)](#)
- [Industrial School for Girls, Toowoomba \(c. 1890 - 14 October 1903\)](#)
- [Reformatory School for Boys - Hulk \*Proserpine\* \(15 March 1871 - 16 February 1881\)](#)

**Related Archival Series**

- [Superintendent's Punishment Registers - Westbrook \(14 January 1924 - 17 June 1988\)](#)

**Is amended by**

- [Industrial and Reformatory Schools Act Amendment Act 1906, Queensland \(1906 - 1911\)](#)  
Date: 1906 - 1911

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