

# Industrial and Reformatory School for Girls, Toowoomba

1 April 1881 – c. 1890

**Other Names:** • Reformatory School

## Details

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The Industrial and Reformatory School for Girls, Toowoomba, run by the government, was established on 1 April 1881. It was previously the Toowoomba jail. The superintendent and matron of the jail were appointed superintendent and matron of the school under the *Industrial and Reformatory Schools Act of 1865*. Under the Act, children under the age of fifteen who were unmanageable or incorrigible, or with convictions, were sent to reformatories while those from unwholesome environments were sent to industrial schools to be trained for employment. The School was re-named The Industrial School for Girls, Toowoomba, in around 1890.

## More info

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### Chronology

- **Industrial and Reformatory School for Girls, Toowoomba (1 April 1881 – c. 1890)**
  - Industrial School for Girls, Toowoomba (c. 1890 - 14 October 1903)

### Related Entries

#### Run by

- [Public Instruction Department, Orphanages Branch, State Government of Queensland \(2 October 1879 - 1 December 1911\)](#)
- [Colonial Secretary \(10 December 1859 - 6 August 1896\)](#)  
Date: 1881 - 1890

#### Related Legislation

- [Industrial and Reformatory Schools Act 1865, Queensland \(1865 - 1911\)](#)

### Resources

- Clements, John, [De Molay House](#), Downs Folk: Lives and times of folk of Toowoomba & the Downs, 1993

## Records

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## Records

- [Admission Register, Industrial School for Girls, Toowoomba \(1 April 1881 - 14 October 1903\)](#)
  - [Letterbooks, Industrial and Reformatory School for Girls, Toowoomba \(13 April 1881 - 7 September 1895\)](#)
  - [Diary of discharges, Industrial and Reformatory School for Girls, Toowoomba \(21 April 1882 - 25 September 1903\)](#)
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