

Sacred Heart Orphanage

1940 – 1979

Other Names: • Crystal Brook Orphanage

Details

The Sacred Heart Orphanage was established in 1940 at Crystal Brook. Run by the Good Samaritan Sisters, it originally catered for children in need whose fathers had been killed during World War II. In the 1970s the orphanage accommodated children between 4 and 15 years of age. The institution closed as an orphanage in 1979.

Sacred Heart Orphanage was originally established by the Catholic Church to cater for children in need whose fathers had been killed during World War II. It was run by the Order of the Good Samaritan Sisters. Other than the children's home at the Umeewarra Mission near Port Augusta, it was the only home in the north of the state.

In the 1970s an agreement was signed with the Department of Community Welfare and government assistance was provided to the institution. This funding allowed the orphanage to accommodate any boys and girls between the ages of 4 and 15 who needed short or long term care. It normally catered for up to twenty children under the care of three staff members. While living at the orphanage, the children were educated at the Parish School, St Stanislaus.

The orphanage building still exists today and the premises operates as the Sacred Heart Home, a boarding hostel for students.

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- [Records of Sacred Heart Orphanage, Catholic Diocesan Office Collection \(1951 - 1979\)](#)
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