

# Juvenile Offenders Act 1875, Tasmania

1875 – 1918

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The Juvenile Offenders Act 1875 also known by the full title 'An Act for the more effectual Punishment of Juvenile Offenders' (Act no. 39 Vict. No.6) provided for boys under nineteen to be whipped for assault, an indecent offence, disturbance of the peace or obscene language. The sheriff was to provide a rod of twigs, a cane, or leather strap. The number of strokes were fifteen for a boy over fourteen years, and twelve, if younger. For capital offences, a boy could be sentenced to prison and a whipping instead of having a sentence of death recorded. The Act was repealed by the Children of the State Act 1918 (Act no.9 Geo.V No.15).

## More info

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### Chronology

- **Juvenile Offenders Act 1875, Tasmania (1875 – 1918)**
  - The Children of the State Act 1918, Tasmania (1918 - 1936)
  - Infants' Welfare Act 1935, Tasmania (1935 - 1961)
  - Child Welfare Act 1960, Tasmania (1960 - 2003)
  - Children, Young Persons and Their Families Act 1997, Tasmania (2000 - current)

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