

Bentley House

1972? – 2006?

Other Names: • Bentley Hostel

Details

Bentley House was established around 1972 as a government-run hostel for Aboriginal high school students. It was one of Anglican Social Services' welfare facilities. After 2006 it is likely to have been used as a government-run residential group home, also known as Bentley House.

Bentley House was opened around 1972 or 1973.

Government reports (*Signposts* 2004) show that it was to be run by the Anglican Church from its south-west administration centre, however the Anglican Diocese of Bunbury has confirmed (2014) that this was not the case. Entries in the WA Telephone Directory indicate that Bentley House was a facility of Anglican Social Services.

In keeping with the policy at the time, it is likely that 'house parents' were introduced to Bentley House by 1975 so it could operate like a group home or 'scatter cottage' rather than as hostel.

The first admission figures that are available for Bentley House date from 1 October 1994, when there were 8 girls aged 15-17 years from a total of 11 admissions for the year. Some girls stayed from as little as one week, others more than 6 months. This suggests that Bentley House was used for temporary accommodation as well as longer-term accommodation.

Between around 2003-2006, children were placed at Bentley House through the Department for Community Development's Aboriginal Student Accommodation Service program. Possibly after 2006, Bentley House became a departmental residential group home.

More info

Chronology

- **Bentley House (1972? – 2006?)**
 - Bentley House (2007? - current)

Related Entries

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- [Anglican Diocese of Perth \(1856 - current\)](#)

Resources

- Wilson, Katrin and Michael V. Robinson., *Aboriginal Hostels in Perth : A Comparative Survey*, 1971
- State Records Taskforce, Government of Western Australia, [Looking West: A Guide to Aboriginal Sources in Western Australia](#), 2004

Records

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- [Department of Aboriginal Affairs \[predecessors\], Records \(1886 - 2004\)](#)

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