

Education and School – State Records Office

The State Records Office holds archival material from the Education Department of Western Australia and its predecessors including records from individual government schools and colleges from around Western Australia. For individual school records refer to the index, arranged alphabetically by school name, held in the State Records Office Search Room. Not all school records held at the State Records Office are listed in this index and please note that many school records either have not survived or are still held by the individual schools.

Years of operation:	1847 to present day
Type of service:	State Archives Collection
Size of record collection:	Approximately 315 metres of general files and records for 730 schools are indexed
Format of records:	General files up to 1902 and the majority of admission registers and the teachers' record of service cards are on microfilm. Material not microfilmed will need to be requested for viewing in the State Records Office Search Room.
Location of records:	State Records Office
Information in records:	<p>The following types of records may contain information relating to Aboriginal people. Attendance files provide statistics on the daily or weekly attendance or non-attendance of children at the school and may give the names of children attending a particular school.</p> <p>Student admission cards record the name of the student, the date of admission, the date of birth, the name and occupation of parent/guardian, and religious denomination.</p> <p>Student admission registers record the student's name, the date of admission, the date of birth, residence, place of birth, the school last attended, the standard last passed, the name of the parent/guardian, the date of withdrawal from school, the reason for withdrawal, the standard passed, and to what school the student was removed.</p> <p>Punishment books, which are a record of punishment (eg. reprimand, caning) meted out to students, record the name of the student, the date, the amount and instrument of punishment, by whom the punishment was administered, and additional remarks.</p> <p>(Note: access restrictions apply to punishment books).</p>

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Staff at the enquiry desk can provide additional information on the range of education and school related records available from within the SRO collection.

Access:

The majority of school records may be viewed in the State Records Office Search Room. If restrictions do apply, permission to view the records must be requested from the Education Department of Western Australia. For help in accessing restricted records, please contact the State Records Office.

Further information is also available in the Education and Schools Records Collection Guide on the website: <http://www.sro.wa.gov.au/collection/education.html>

Contact:

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Ground Floor, Alexander Library Building
James Street West Entrance
Perth Cultural Centre
Perth WA 6000

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Opening hours 9.30am to 4.30pm
Monday to Friday

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Fairhaven

Fairhaven operated in Esperance from the 1960s to the mid 1980s and gave up to 25 teenage girls from Norseman Mission and from the Western Desert areas boarding accommodation while attending high school or employment.

This information forms part of the Australian Churches of Christ Indigenous Ministries' index.

Thousands of photos and slides taken at the missions have been copied and identified where possible.

Location: Esperance, 721 km southeast of Perth

Years of operation: 1960 to 1980s

Type of service: Hostel accommodation

Location of records: Australian Churches of Christ Indigenous Ministries and Family Information Records Bureau

Information in records: Family name
Given name
Date of birth
Place of birth
Name of parents
Dates of admission
Reason for admission
Notes

For photographs

contact: Deslee Moyle
Australian Churches of Christ Indigenous Ministries
PO Box 1199
Wangara WA 6947

Tel (08) 9309 3922
Fax (08) 9309 4101
Email cofcfab@msn.com.au

For personal record cards

contact: Family Information Records Bureau
Department for Community Development
189 Royal Street
East Perth WA 6004

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Freecall 1800 000 277

Fitzroy Crossing Family Register

This index was created from the Fitzroy Crossing Family Register file of the Department for Community Development. It contains details of families living in the area. Some details contained in these records are available from the Family Information Records Bureau.

Location: Fitzroy Crossing, 2,686 km north of Perth in the Kimberley region of Western Australia

Years of operation: Dates of birth in this file range from the late 1890s to the mid 1970s

Type of service: Welfare

Location of records: Department for Community Development

Information in records: Family name
Given name
Date of birth
Family relationships
Personal file number

Access: An Aboriginal Family History application form needs to be completed and access is restricted to direct line family descendants only. There is no charge. This information is not available to researchers.

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Forrest River Mission (also known as Oombulgurri and also known as Umbulgara)

The Anglican Forrest River Mission in the Kimberley region near Wyndham, was founded in 1913, by the Bishop of the North West, the Rt. Rev. Gerard Trower. The mission closed in 1968. Some files from the Forrest River Mission are held at the Batty Library. The Family Information Records Bureau obtained permission from the Anglican Church Diocese of North West Australia, to access these files and an index of names has been created.

Location: Near Wyndham in the Kimberley region of Western Australia

Church organisation: Anglican Church

Years of operation: 1913 to 1968

Type of service: Aboriginal community

Location of records: J S Batty Library
Department for Community Development

Information in records: Family name
Given name
Date of birth
Date of death
Date of leaving the mission
Parents' details
Marriage details

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Geraldton/Carnarvon Catholic Records

In 2001 the Catholic Diocese of Murchison invited the Department for Community Development (DCD) to visit Cathedral House in Geraldton and Parish House in Carnarvon to view historical record collections relating to the 'stolen generations'. An index of Aboriginal baptisms has been created for the period 1900 to 2000.

Location:	Geraldton, 424 km north of Perth
Church organisation:	Catholic Church
Years of operation:	Early 1900s to today
Type of service:	Baptismal records relating to people who lived in the Diocese of Murchison (Geraldton and Carnarvon)
Location of records:	Diocese of Geraldton, Geraldton
Information in records:	Family name Given name Date of birth Date of death Location Notes including parents' names
Contact:	Catholic Church Diocese of Geraldton 7 Maitland Street Geraldton WA 6530 Tel (08) 9921 3221 Fax (08) 9964 1097 Email dioger@diocese-geraldton.org

Grants of Certificate of Citizenship

This index was compiled from files containing Department of Native Welfare lists and correspondence. The files contain lists of some Aboriginal people who were granted citizenship from the 1940s to the 1960s throughout Western Australia.

Location:	Western Australia
Years of operation:	1940s to 1960s
Type of service:	Welfare
Format of records:	Paper files and electronic index
Location of records:	Department for Community Development
Information in records:	Family name Given name Date of birth Place of residence Certificate number Date citizenship granted
Access:	An Aboriginal Family History application form needs to be completed and access is restricted to direct line family descendants only. There is no charge. This information is not available to researchers.
Contact:	Family Information Records Bureau Department for Community Development 189 Royal Street East Perth WA 6004 Tel (08) 9222 2777 Fax (08) 9222 2776 Freecall 1800 000 277

Health Records – State Records Office

The State Records Office holds archival material from the Department of Health and its predecessors. Indexes to the records are available in the State Records Office Search Room. In addition to departmental records, the SRO holds several collections of records transferred from individual hospitals including Fremantle Asylum, Claremont Mental Hospital, Heathcote Mental Hospital, Derby Leprosarium, Woorloo Sanatorium, and the Children's Hospital which became Princess Margaret Hospital for Children in 1949. The number of hospital-related records held by the SRO is limited, with only sporadic coverage of admissions and discharge records and no patient files. Hospital and health records may contain information relating to Aboriginal people.

Type of service:	State Archives Collection
Size of collection:	More than 110 metres of general files with records from more than 18 hospitals
Format of records:	Original files and microfilm
Location of records:	State Records Office
Information in records:	The following types of records may contain information relating to Aboriginal people, general files relating to the accommodation of and treatment of Aboriginal people at various hospitals, general administrative files relating to community health programs, functional policy and administrative matters
Access:	Health records are restricted to the period from 1920 onwards unless otherwise specified. If restrictions do apply, permission to view the records must be requested from the Department of Health, Western Australia. For help in accessing restricted records please contact the State Records Office. For further information relating to health and hospital records please refer to the following collection guide on the website http://www.sro.wa.gov.au/collection/hospital.html

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Jigalong Mission

In 1907 the Rabbit Proof Fence construction team established a maintenance and rations store at the location which later became Jigalong. It was also a camel-breeding depot, which closed in the 1930s with the introduction of motor vehicles. In 1946 the Apostolic Church was granted the land for missionary purposes and set up the community in its present location. The land was handed back to the government in 1969 and through efforts of the Martu people, Jigalong became an incorporated body in 1973.

This index was collected from the Department for Community Development office in Marble Bar. The Jigalong Mission Index contains information relating to people living there at the time. It is unknown by whom or when the information was recorded.

Location:	Jigalong, approximately 165 km east of Newman in the Eastern Pilbara region of Western Australia
Church organisation:	Apostolic Church
Years of operation:	1946 to 1969
Type of service:	Information relating to people who resided at the mission
Location of records:	Department for Community Development
Information in records:	Name Surname Parentage Date of birth
Access:	An Aboriginal Family History application form needs to be completed and access is restricted to direct line family descendants only. There is no charge. This information is not available to researchers.
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Kalumburu Mission

(associated with New Norcia Mission)

The mission was established at Pago in 1908, and was called Drysdale River Mission. It moved to Kalumburu including the Church from Pago in the years 1932 to 1937. Benedictine monks and nuns administered the mission until it was handed over to the Diocese of Broome in 1981. Today, Kalumburu parish has Benedictine Sisters, lay missionaries and volunteers, a priest and parish council.

This index contains the names of Aboriginal people who resided at the Kalumburu Mission.

Location:	Kalumburu, in the East Kimberley region of Western Australia
Church organisation:	Benedictine
Years of operation:	1908 to 1981
Type of service:	Mission community
Information in records:	ID numbers Surname Christian name Date of birth Date of death Place of birth Admittance date Discharge date
Contact:	Archives Benedictine Community of New Norcia Inc New Norcia WA 6509 Tel (08) 9654 8018 Fax (08) 9654 8097 Email archives@newnorcia.wa.edu.au

Katitjin: A Guide to Indigenous Records in the Battye Library

Compiled by Heather Campbell and funded by the Friends of Battye Library (Inc.), *Katitjin* is presented as an online PDF document. It is arranged in two parts, the first being a guide containing overviews of the Battye Library's collections, research and finding aids and a section on family history. Part two is a researcher's kit comprising useful publications, a comprehensive select bibliography, search strategies, useful websites and contact numbers.

Location:	Battye Library Perth
Type of service:	Western Australian archival collections. It collects and preserves material from all over Western Australia and the world — if it relates to Western Australia.
Size of collection:	More than 1 million items
Format of records:	Online as a PDF format document
Information in records:	All types and formats of information about Western Australia's Indigenous peoples that have been collected and preserved by the Battye Library
Location of records:	J S Battye Library of West Australian History
Access:	Online PDF format document at http://www.liswa.wa.gov.au/pdf/katitjinsep03.pdf
Contact:	J S Battye Library of West Australian History State Library of Western Australia Perth Cultural Centre Perth WA 6000 Tel (08) 9427 3111

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Katta Djinoong – First Peoples of Western Australia

Location:	Western Australian Museum
Type of service:	The Western Australian Museum's gallery of Aboriginal culture and history
Size of collection:	Artefacts from the State's collection, supported by photos from a variety of sources, including the Batty Library and Western Australian Museum
Location of records:	Hellenic Gallery
Format of records:	On public display (from August 2004)
Information in records:	An exhibition about the lives and stories of Aboriginal people throughout Western Australia. The gallery covers themes and issues such as the Stolen Generations, identity, kinship, survival, innovation and traditional knowledge.
Access:	The Western Australian Museum is open daily 9.30am to 5.00pm Admission is free of charge
Contact:	Hellenic Gallery Western Australian Museum Perth Cultural Centre Perth WA 6000 Tel (08) 9427 2700

Kimberley Births Register

A book containing some birth registrations in the Kimberley region of Western Australia was handed over to the Department for Community Development. The information contained in this book has been put into an electronic format to create this index.

Location: Kimberley region in the northwest of Western Australia

Years of operation: Late 1960s to early 1970s

Location of records: Department for Community Development

Format of records: Handwritten register book and electronic index

Information in records: Family name
Given name
Date of birth
Place of birth
Parents' names

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Kimberley Family Register

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Location:	Kimberley region in the northwest of Western Australia
Years of operation:	Dates of birth range from early 1900 to 1970s
Format of records:	Handwritten register book and electronic index
Location of records:	Department for Community Development
Information in records:	Family name Given name Date of birth Place of birth Parents' names Date of registration Registration number
Access:	An Aboriginal Family History application form needs to be completed and access is restricted to direct line family descendants. There is no charge. This information is not available to researchers.
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Kimberley Population Health Unit

The Kimberley Population Health Unit holds index cards with information relating to Aboriginal people who accessed community health services across the Kimberley.

Location:	Broome, 2,200 km north of Perth
Church organisation:	Sisters of St John of God
Years of operation:	Dates of birth range from 1870 to 1966
Type of service:	Community health
Location of records:	Kimberley Population Health Unit, Broome
Information in records:	Surname Christian name Date of birth Alias
Contact:	Kimberley Population Health Unit PO Box 525 Broome WA 6725 Tel (08) 9192 5333 Fax (08) 9192 5400