



# Youth Custodial Rule 220

## Management of female detainees

Legislation referred to: [Young Offenders Act 1994](#)  
[Young Offenders Regulations 1995](#)

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### 1. Introduction

- 1.1 The female precinct aims to operate on the principles of a 'therapeutic community' and provides separate accommodation, education and programs for female detainees.
- 1.2 This precinct promotes gender specific requirements by recognising the developmental needs of female detainees, including those who are pregnant. Youth Custodial Services (YCS) recognises the special needs of female detainees and will ensure that there is a sufficient range of services available. YCS staff will receive training to work with female detainees.

### 2. Purpose

- 2.1 The purpose of this Youth Custodial Rule is to establish clear principles for the operational management of female detainees to meet their gender specific needs.
- 2.2 This Youth Custodial Rule provides a framework to ensure the female precinct offers services to female detainees that are beneficial to their development by:
- providing appropriate education, vocational training, skill development and pathways to employment opportunities
  - ensuring the needs of female detainees are met where possible
  - ensuring the health needs of female detainees are met where possible
  - addressing their offending behaviour according to their individual needs and risk
  - providing a strong focus in supporting female detainees to achieve positive and sustainable re-entry back into the community
  - providing opportunities to engage in specific cultural programs in partnership with the appropriate communities, organisations and service delivery providers
  - providing programs delivered through a range of interagency partnerships that may continue post release.

### 3. Scope

This Youth Custodial Rule applies to all YCS staff, volunteers and contractors and should be read in conjunction with all relevant Youth Custodial Rules, Standing Orders and Departmental policies and procedures.

## 4. Principles

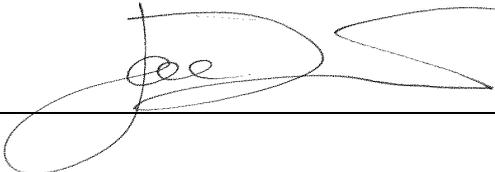
- 4.1 Relationships - YCS will promote positive re-entry into the community by supporting female detainees to build and maintain relationships with family and significant others.
- 4.2 Gender - YCS will take into account gender specific issues and requirements.
- 4.3 Safety - The provision of services are to be delivered in a safe and supportive manner.
- 4.4 Respect - Detainees will be managed with respect.
- 4.5 Diversity - YCS will have regard for the individual's circumstances and characteristics as well as the level of diversity associated with managing female detainees.
- 4.6 Integrated service delivery - YCS will promote and maintain an integrated approach to service delivery for female detainees.
- 4.7 Aboriginal females - YCS recognises that Aboriginal female detainees have specific needs and cultural issues that require support and access to Aboriginal support groups.
- 4.8 Culturally and Linguistically Diverse (CaLD) females - YCS acknowledge CaLD female detainees have specific needs and require additional support and access to culturally appropriate service providers.

### Approval

Rule made pursuant to Section 181 (1) of the *Young Offenders Act 1994* and *Young Offenders Regulations 1995*, by the Commissioner being the Chief Executive Officer of the Department of Corrective Services with the approval of the Minister for Corrective Services.

On the 13<sup>th</sup> day of March 2014

Minister



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Commissioner



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On the recommendation of the Deputy Commissioner Youth Justice Services and the Director Youth Custodial Services.



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**Deputy Commissioner  
Youth Justice Services**



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**Director  
Youth Custodial Services**

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