

### **Kalinga Park Site (Nundah)**

This site is located in Kalinga Park at Nundah and is accessed via the Park Avenue, Clayfield entrance, along the walking path to the left of the parking lot then past the playground. The plaque is located among a grove of trees which is visible from the pathway.

### ***Some History ...***

This site represents the nearby location of what were the Tufnell Homes at Nundah. Also, in this area of Brisbane's northside, Stolen Generations children were taken to St Vincent's Orphanage, St Vincent's Industrial School for Girls at Nudgee, Magdalen Asylum, Holy Cross Retreat at Woolloowin and the State-run Diamantina Orphanage 'Receiving Depot and Infants Home' at Woolloowin.

St Vincent's Orphanage was established in 1866 and children from the age of two years were sent to the institution, remaining there until 13 years of age when they were 'hired out' in the usual way. An Industrial School was also established and it was to this institution that children, deemed 'neglected' by virtue of their Aboriginal heritage, were committed.

In 1904 the Holy Cross Industrial School for Girls was established under the provisions of the "Industrial and Reformatory Schools Act of 1865" and was especially for the reception of neglected female children over the age of twelve; under this Act, Indigenous girls were deemed 'neglected'.

In 1901 the first of the Tufnell Homes was opened and over the years, until 1970, numbers of Indigenous children were removed to, committed to, or placed in these Homes. From its establishment in 1883 the Diamantina served as an orphanage for Protestant children, a 'receiving depot' for those 'forcibly removed' and a place where children were temporarily accommodated before being boarded out, fostered, or adopted. (*Sources: Nundah & Districts Historical Society Inc; Heritage Unit, Brisbane City Council*)

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