

Marngoneet Correctional Centre: general information

Introduction

The Marngoneet Correctional Centre is a 300-bed medium security correctional programs centre located near Lara, approximately 70 kilometres west of Melbourne.

The Centre provides an intensive level of treatment and offender management activity, including sex offender treatment programs, drug and alcohol treatment programs, violent offender treatment programs, and vocational services programs for prisoners in Victoria.

Corrections Victoria operates the facility and is responsible for the delivery of services, such as custodial staffing, prisoner programs and training.

Design and security

The prison is a secure facility relying on a range of technologically advanced perimeter security measures including biometric identification safeguards, a whole of site mobile duress system and CCTV strengthened site security and highly trained custodial staff.

The physical design of Marngoneet maximises normal living conditions and minimises institutionalisation, shapes social interaction, provides small living units and promotes significant levels of personal and social responsibility.

The design includes industry, education, recreation and program facilities that provide service providers and prisoners with a setting that supports security, safety, learning and behaviour change.

Prisoner eligibility

Prisoners classified to Marngoneet are at moderate to high risk of re-offending. They have a minimum of six months of their sentence left to serve at the time of transfer to Marngoneet.

Most Marngoneet prisoners are there to address their violence or sex offences or significant drug and alcohol issues that are related to their offending.

What does Marngoneet provide?

Marngoneet Correctional Centre provides services in three key areas: clinical services, vocational services and custodial services.

This brochure provides an overview of the prison's design, security and programs.

Clinical services

Marngoneet provides clinical services in:

- sex offender treatment programs
- violent offender treatment programs
- drug and alcohol treatment programs

- cognitive skills programs
- psychological wellbeing programs

The duration of each prisoner's program at Marngoneet is formalised during the orientation and assessment phase.

Vocational services

Vocational services at Marngoneet are designed to increase a prisoner's employability on his release and provide:

- TAFE accredited training
- A Good Lives Reintegration Service that coordinates a range of programs, including those that relate to release preparation, personal development and recreation programs
- Education service targeting employment preparation and general and adult basic education.

"We work with prisoners to build crime-free lives"

All prisoners are required to work and such work typically includes:

- prison services (kitchen, cleaning)
- prison industries
- horticulture and environmental management

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“Linking security with cultural change”

Custodial services

Marngoneet balances security and therapy, within a healthy working environment for staff, prisoners and visitors, using:

- technologically advanced secure perimeter
- biometric identification safeguards
- access control
- CCTV strengthened site security
- whole of site mobile duress system, incident notification and response options.

“Neighbourhoods: a new way of prisoner living”

Neighbourhoods

Marngoneet Correctional Centre has three neighbourhoods that function as therapeutic communities. Each neighbourhood is a “therapeutic community” where all prisoners participate as members of the neighbourhood community.

They each have a targeted clinical purpose: protection and sex offender; violent offender and drug/alcohol offender.

Each neighbourhood includes a 40 bed unit, eight x six bed units and three x four bed units, along with a neighbourhood centre and recreation facilities.

More information

Several other brochures are available each focussing on a different aspect of the prison.

Marngoneet Correctional Centre – the name

The name “Marngoneet” is taken from the local Wathaurong community language and means: “to make new”. The new name reflects the prison’s focus on rehabilitation and offers a respectful gesture to the local Wathaurong people. It is supported by the Wathaurong Aboriginal Cooperative.

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