

PROJECT OVERVIEW

The Victorian Government is expanding the Malmsbury Youth Justice Centre.

The expansion represents an important part of the capacity planning and management of young people in the youth justice system.

The new facilities will be located within the existing boundary of the new Centre, at the furthest distance from the Malmsbury community.

Project scope

The expansion will include:

- 32 additional secure bedrooms
- additional recreational, educational and program facilities
- secure double perimeter fence with a sterile zone
- expansion of the gatehouse
- landscaping around the perimeter including more than 100 new trees.

Project objectives and areas of focus

The expansion will:

- meet the expected demand for youth custodial services over time
- address the requirement for enhanced safety and security
- deliver rehabilitative services for young people.

Community benefits

- Enhanced security at the Malmsbury Youth Justice Centre
- Increased safety for the community
- Job creation during the construction phase
- Careers with the Department of Justice and Regulation in the ongoing day to day management of the Centre
- Economic opportunities for local business in the supply of goods and services
- Increased planting of native vegetation and perimeter landscaping to establish a visual barrier to the Centre



The youth justice system in Victoria

The youth justice system in Victoria focuses on the safety of the community and the diversion of young people away from further crime. It supervises young people on court orders in the community and manages young people in custodial services.

Youth justice provides programs and resources to assist young offenders to develop the knowledge, skills and attitudes to manage their lives effectively without further reoffending.

The youth justice service promotes opportunities for rehabilitation and seeks to contribute to the reduction of crime in the community through the supervision of young offenders, the delivery of programs and linkages to appropriate support services.

Youth justice provides developmentally appropriate services, programs and targeted interventions that focus on addressing antisocial and offending behaviours in order to minimise the likelihood of reoffending and further progression into the criminal justice system.