



Fact Sheet

Frank Baxter Juvenile Justice Centre

Frank Baxter Juvenile Justice Centre is the largest juvenile justice centre in the state with a capacity for 120 young people and is located at Kariong near Gosford. The centre was opened in October 1999 and accommodates males aged 16 to 21 years, mostly on control orders. The centre offers a range of health, educational and spiritual services to the young people, including individual case management, specialised counselling, and training in job and living skills.

Address

Pacific Highway
Kariong NSW 2250
PO Box 7002
Kariong NSW 2250
Phone: (02) 4340 3800
Facsimile: (02) 4340 3862

How to get there

Public Transport: Take a train to Gosford Station, then a bus to the intersection of the Pacific Highway and The Avenue. From there, walk down The Avenue to the centre. On visiting days, a bus is provided from Gosford Station to transport visitors to and from the centre.

Private Transport: Take the F3 from Sydney then first Gosford turnoff at Kariong. It is the second turnoff if travelling south. Turn left at the third set of traffic lights into The Avenue. Follow signs until arriving at Kariong Correctional Centre. Turn left at the roundabout, and the centre is at the top of the hill.

Visitor Information

Bookings: All visits require bookings. To book, call (02) 4340 3888 from 9am – 5pm, Mon to Fri. Legal visits can occur outside normal visiting times.

Visit times: Wed: 2:30pm to 5pm; Sat and Sun: 9am - 11am, 2.30pm - 5pm.

Conditions: Visitors can only have one visit per day, unless there are special circumstances. Visitors who have business with detainees (such as solicitors, non-government organisations, juvenile justice officers) must fax the centre on (02) 4340 3861, with a proposed listing date, time, purpose of visit and contact number.

Education

The Department of Education and Communities operates a school at the centre, so that young offenders can continue their studies while at the centre and learn skills to help them re-enter education, training or the workforce when they leave custody.

Health

Justice Health provides registered nurses for general healthcare, regular visits from a local General Practitioner to provide medical assessments and treatment, and consultant psychiatrists for professional assessment and treatment of young people as required. The centre employs three Alcohol and Other Drug Counsellors, a Sexual Offender Programs Counsellor, a Violent Offender Program Counsellor, and three Psychologists who provide assessment, counselling and group work.

Religious Services

The centre has one full time Chaplain, who provides religious and spiritual support to young people in custody. The centre can also arrange for young people from non-Christian faiths, including Islam and Buddhism, to receive religious support and counselling.
