

History of District Education Offices in the Department of Education and Training

The number and name of education districts in Western Australia has varied considerable since their conception in 1893. Recent history has seen the following changes.

In 1980, the distribution of districts was:

Four metropolitan regions:	Nine country regions
Metropolitan South-East	South-West
Metropolitan North-East	Upper Great Southern
Metropolitan South-West	Great Southern
Metropolitan North-West	Yilgarn
	Goldfields
	Geraldton
	Midlands
	Pilbara
	Kimberley

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In 1987, following the *Better Schools* Report, districts were reorganised with 29 metropolitan and country school districts replacing the previous 13 regions. The districts came under the control of four Directors of Operation.

1) Director of Operations

Armadale	Bunbury South
Perth	Hedland
Thornlie	Karratha
Bunbury North	Manjimup

2) Director of Operations

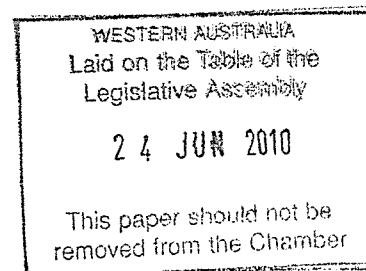
Bayswater	Merredin
Darling Range	Moora
Dianella	Northam
Kalgoorlie	

3) Director of Operations

Cockburn	Albany
Melville	Esperance
Peel	Narrogin
Willeton	

4) Director of Operations

Balga	Geraldton - North
Joondalup	Kimberley
Scarborough	Geraldton - South
Swanbourne	



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In 1993, districts became the responsibility of Schools Operations division. They were organised into three operations directorates as follows:

1) Operations Directorate 1

Armadale	Kalgoorlie
Darling Range	Karratha
Geraldton North	Kimberly
Geraldton South	Perth South
Hedland	Thornlie

2) Operations Directorate 2

Albany	Manjimup
Bunbury North	Melville
Bunbury South	Peel
Cockburn	Swanbourne
Esperance	Willetton

3) Operations Directorate 3

Balga	Moora
Bayswater	Narrogin
Dianella	Northam
Joondalup	Scarborough
Merredin	

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In 1995, there was a realignment of school boundaries. The Balga and Dianella districts were disbanded and replaced by the Alexander and Whitfords districts. Kalgoorlie was renamed Goldfields.

In 1998, the 29 schools districts were reorganised into 16:

Albany (+Some from Manjimup)	Joondalup (Some Whitfords to Lancelin)	Perth (Swanbourne, Scarborough, Whitfords)
Bunbury (Bunbury North)	Kimberly (Kimberly)	Pilbara (Hedland, Karratha)
Cannington (Armadale, Perth South, Thornlie)	Midlands (Moora, Darling Range, Scarborough)	Swan (Alexander, Bayswater)
Esperance (+Newdegate South) Merredin, Northam)	Mid-West (Geraldton North & South)	Warren-Blackwood (Manjimup, Bunbury)
Fremantle (Cockburn, Melville Willetton)	Narrogin (Katanning ex Albany)	
Goldfields (Kalgoorlie)	Peel (Peel)	

In 2003, the Fremantle and Peel districts amalgamated to become the Fremantle/Peel district.

Department of Education and Training - District Education Offices

Education District	Location of Office
Albany Education District	Albany
Bunbury Education District	Bunbury
Canning Education District	Cannington
Esperance Education District	Esperance
Fremantle/Peel Education District	Fremantle and Mandurah
Goldfields Education District	Kalgoorlie
Kimberley Education District	Broome
Mid West Education District	Geraldton
Midlands Education District	Northam
Narrogin Education District	Narrogin
Pilbara Education District	Karratha
Swan Education District	Beechboro
Warren-Blackwood Education District	Manjimup
West Coast Education District	Joondalup

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of bureaucracy

lot of distance between policy makers
and schools.

Now more modern structure
to meet the vastly changed educational
needs of children \leftrightarrow .

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Policy challenges the multiple layers of bureaucracy.