**Institute of Social Welfare, Watsonia**

1973-74

“The purchase of Loyola at Watsonia for the Training division [part of the “Probation and Training Division”] has enabled the division to concentrate all activities into one centre…”

The Training division opened in February 1974 to train social workers, child care workers and a variety of other Certificate courses.

The intention was to upskill social workers from “Protection and Parole” within the department by in-service training at Watsonia

Source: *Annual Report to Year ended June 30, 1974*. Social Welfare Dept Victoria to Parliament Victoria.

Note on Item **4629**: It would appear that local residents heard the word “parole” and assumed that offenders would be on the site.