



**Children's Court
Victoria**

PRACTICE DIRECTION

No. 1 of 2019

CRIMINAL DIVISION - SUNSHINE CUSTODY LISTINGS

This Practice Direction is issued pursuant to Section 592 of the *Children, Youth and Families Act 2005*.

Preamble

This Practice Direction is necessitated by the ongoing custody management issues that continue to impact on the operations of the Sunshine Court, where children held in custody are not able to be presented at the Children's Court due to lack of cell holding space.

This Practice Direction applies to all Children's Court custody matters where the Sunshine Children's Court is the proper venue.

Directions

1. Children who are arrested and held in custody on matters where Sunshine is the proper venue are to be remanded to appear at the Melbourne Children's Court.
2. The Melbourne Children's Court will maintain carriage of such matters until finalisation with the exception of matters requiring a contested hearing. If the charges are contested, the matter will be adjourned to the proper venue for the contested hearing following contest mention. The parties are directed to contact the coordinator at the proper venue in order to obtain suitable contest hearing dates.
3. This Practice Direction will operate until 31 December 2019 unless otherwise revoked earlier.

Extension of previous Practice Direction

This Practice Direction extends the practices contained in Practice Direction 1 of 2018.

This Practice Direction commences on 11 January 2019.

Magistrate Jennifer Bowles
Acting President
Children's Court of Victoria

11 January 2019