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Collection/Series Title: **FRASER, JOHN MALCOLM**

Creator	Fraser, John Malcolm
Creator's Activity/Occupation	Politicians - Farmers - Prime ministers
Creator's Historical Note (John) Malcolm Fraser was born on 21 May 1930 in Melbourne. The Fraser family lived in NSW before moving to 'Nareen', a sheep station in western Victoria, in 1943. Malcolm Fraser attended Tudor House School in NSW (1940-1943) and Melbourne Grammar (1944-1948). In 1949 he was admitted to the University of Oxford to study 'Modern Greats' (politics, philosophy and economics). Malcolm Fraser was elected Liberal member for Wannon in Western Victoria in 1955. He gained his first Cabinet post as Minister for the Army in 1966 and later became Minister for Education and Science (1968-1969 and 1971-1972) and Minister for Defence (1969-1971). He became leader of the Liberal Party in March 1975, and in November was appointed caretaker Prime Minister following the dismissal of the Whitlam government. He served as Prime Minister until 1983. Following his political career, Malcolm Fraser has maintained a role in world affairs, as Co-Chair of the Commonwealth Eminent Persons Group on South Africa (1985-1986) and Chair of the UN Secretary-General's Expert Group on African Commodity Issues (1989-1990). In 1987 he founded CARE Australia, the country's largest non-political, non-religious overseas aid organisation. In 1997 he led a Commonwealth Observer Mission to Pakistan to monitor the national elections. Malcolm Fraser remained actively interested in issues such as human rights and the rule of law until his death on 20 March 2015.	
Date Range of Collection/Series	1971-1972
Size/Extent	0.17 metres (1 box)
Access Conditions	Access: Open
Scope and Content of Collection/Series Subject files maintained as Minister for Education and Science. The files in this series were maintained by J M (Malcolm) Fraser during his second term as Minister for Education and Science in the McMahon Government (1971-1972), although not all files relate specifically to that portfolio. The files are arranged in lexicographical order by broad subject title and include interdepartmental and other reports, departmental memoranda and correspondence, submissions from lobby groups, publications etc. Subjects covered include Aborigines, Anglo-Australian telescope, Australian Labor Party education platform, 1971-1972 Budget, Commonwealth Scholarship Schemes, disadvantaged children, education facilities and policy, financial assistance to students, foreign policy, independent schools, Liberal Party, metric conversion of weights and measures, nationwide survey of educational needs, Parliamentary matters, research and development, science policy, states grants and other legislation, teacher training, universities, wool and rural industries etc. Two items only are currently held at the University of Melbourne Archives (see list for details). Formerly National Archives of Australia series M442.	
Collection Category	Community and Political, individuals

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