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## Santa Casa, 33-35 Flinders Street, Queenscliff



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Santa Casa c.1920



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### Location

33-35 Flinders Street QUEENSCLIFF, QUEENSCLIFFE BOROUGH

### Municipality

QUEENSCLIFFE BOROUGH

### Level of significance

Incl in HO area indiv sig

### Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO17

### Heritage Listing

Queenscliffe Borough

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## Statement of Significance

Last updated on - November 1, 2009

Statement of Significance as recorded under the Queenscliff Heritage Study 2009

*Santa Casa* is of historical and architectural significance to the Borough of Queenscliffe. Historically, it is significant as a large ecclesiastical institutional building which has been a focus of activity for the Borough's Catholic community for over a century, with a long association with the Sisters of Mercy. It also remains in the hands of its original owners, and is still substantively used for its original purpose. *Santa Casa* is also the earliest surviving building to be used as an institutional seaside rest home in Queenscliff that is still in use. Architecturally, while relatively undistinguished, it is nevertheless a substantial and imposing structure on a large landholding, located prominently at the entrance to the Queenscliff peninsula.

Heritage Study/Consultant	Queenscliffe - Queenscliffe Urban Conservation Study, Allom Lovell & Associates P/L, Architects, 1982; Queenscliffe - Queenscliffe Heritage Study, Lovell Chen, 2009;
Other Names	Santa Casa, Rosary College,
Hermes Number	120373
Property Number	

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## Physical Description 1

Originally a neo-Tudor timber structure (6); *Santa Casa* has received a number of alterations which have all but deleted this style. Consisting of two gabled bays trimming the ends of a verandahed central section, *Santa Casa*'s original Gothic arched centre openings to the window group on each bay have been modified, the 'half timber' trussing of the gables is gone and the gabled dormer-vents to the main roof have been removed.

Internally, the cruciform-plan hallways are near original but other rooms have been altered and mantels removed.

## Physical Description 2

Extract from the 2009 study

(*Note:* An internal inspection of the *Santa Casa* was not carried out for Stage 1 of the Heritage Study. References to the interior and internal features in the following description derive from the 1984 study. The description of the exterior is based on partial views of the property from the street.)

*Santa Casa* is a substantial structure on a large landholding in the western area of the Queenscliff peninsula. It was originally a neo-Tudor timber structure,<sup>[i]</sup> but a number of alterations have obscured these origins. The building's main west elevation consists of two prominent gabled bays at either end of a verandahed central section. The original Gothic arched centre-openings to the window group on each bay have been modified, the 'half timber' trussing of the gables is also gone and the gabled dormer-vents to the main roof have been removed. Internally, the cruciform-plan hallways are near original but other rooms have been altered and mantels removed.

Located to the east of the main building is an apparently hipped roof structure with a broadly square plan. The two are linked by a passageway. There is also a gable-roofed addition to rear (east) of the south gable. There is also a large structure with an L-shaped plan in the south-west of the landholding.

There are a number of plantings within the large landholding.

[i] Photograph, 178th Annual Report 1931-2, Melbourne, Sisters of Mercy.

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