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# Buninyong State School No.1270



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## Location

202 SIMPSON STREET, BUNINYONG, BALLARAT CITY

## Municipality

BALLARAT CITY

## Level of significance

Incl in HO area contributory

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO181

## Heritage Listing

Ballarat City

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## Statement of Significance

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**What is significant?**

**How is it significant?**

**Why is it significant?**

This building greatly influenced the development of school architecture in Victoria from the 1870s. The design for the Buninyong State School became a prototype for many schools subsequently erected and at least sixteen

appear to have been derived from its form. The notable Victorian architect, J Ellerker, provided a plan that was readily adaptable for the design of both larger and smaller school buildings.

Although altered, Buninyong State School is of great significance as one of the most influential school building designs of the period.

Heritage Study/Consultant	Ballarat - Buninyong Conservation Study, Colman Sutherland Conservation Consultants, 1983;
Construction dates	1874,
Architect/Designer	Ellerker, William H, Education Department,
Other Names	Buninyong Primary School,
Hermes Number	123902
Property Number	

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## Physical Description 1

The building was erected in red brick with cream brick and render contrasts and a steep slate roof. Gable ends with timber decoration pointed arch windows and a central roof turret originally imparted a Gothic character to the building. The front facade is symmetrically conceived with a functionally unnecessary central gabled projection, and two projecting gabled wings at either end.

## Integrity

The building has undergone extensive alterations, the most detrimental being the replacement of the pointed arch windows with larger square headed ones. The slate roof was tiled in 1968, the bell tower dismantled and the two original school rooms partitioned in 1963,. However the overall character of the building has been retained and it is recommended that a conservation analysis of the building be undertaken before any future work is carried out.

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