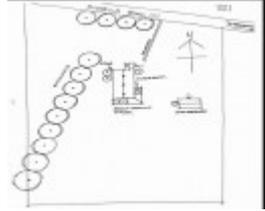

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Location

86 Bennetts Lane COIMADAI, MOORABOOL SHIRE

Municipality

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Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO137

Heritage Listing

Moorabool Shire

Statement of Significance

Last updated on - June 1, 1995

The Coimadai Primary School a brick former Common School, built in 1872, the only building to survive the rising level of Lake Merrimu. It has regional historical significance for its association with educational developments in the community life of the town and demonstrates the effect of government action in the community.

It has regional architectural significance as a relatively intact surviving standard Common School built in the last year of operation of the Common Schools Board.

Finally it is of social significance as being known and valued by the community as part of the identity of this place and as a traditional community focus and meeting place.

Heritage Study/Consultant	Moorabool - Bacchus Marsh Heritage Study 1995, Richard Peterson and Daniel Catrice, 1995;
Other Names	Pyrete Common School, Coimadai Common School, Coimadai State School,
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Physical Conditions

CONDITIONS & THREATS: Very good. There is cracking in the north corners, (due to overflow tank water?)

Landscape. Some of the trees would need tree surgery to protect them from rot at a future stage.

Intactness

Good. The classroom lack finials. Spouting has been replaced. The north gable end window has been replicated adjacent with a concrete lintel. There are two recent timber additions, the north side of the shelter shed is infilled to enable use as a room. All brickwork is painted.

Physical Description 1

A brick 60-type Common School, a standard Common Schools Board design for 60 pupils. This has a gable-roof and porch facing, with a later timber skillion extension at the rear, around the angle. There are at least six 12-pane double-hung sash windows, with rock face stone ellis and a chimney with a pot. The spouting extends across the gable end of the door as if the base of a pediment. There are cast-iron wall vents (probably connected to Tobin tubes), gable-end timber vents, Kemp and Sheehan conical roof vents and later terra-cotta sub-floor vents. The base is probably random rubble stone, rendered. There is a centenary plaque fixed to the chimney and a corner stone incised with: "F.P. Tower, Builder".¹⁰ There are four tanks on stands. There is a gable-roofed Edwardian timber shelter shed, with a decorative scalloped timber barge-board, flagpole-profile finials on both gable ends, and decorative timber brackets to gables. There are two double-hung sash windows.

There is an avenue of nine Eucalypts on the front boundary with a chain-link fence with a capping and an earlier woven crimp-wire pedestrian gate. There is some hexagonal pre-cast concrete paving.

Landscape. A bush school set among stands of Grey Box and Yellow Gum, the elevated site is surrounded by stands of Sugar Gums which have been pollarded over the years. The line nine Sugar Gums to the north of the buildings have been placed to form a windbreak and to provide shelter for the buildings. Newer plantings have taken place around the school buildings as part of the development of the amphitheatre.

Historical Australian Themes

Townships / Governing / Community life.

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