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# PROGRESS KINDERGARTEN



Brown 11

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## Location

11 BROWN AVENUE, ASCOT VALE, MOONEE VALLEY CITY

## Municipality

MOONEE VALLEY CITY

## Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO391

## Heritage Listing

Moonee Valley City

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## Statement of Significance

Last updated on - December 9, 2013

### What is significant?

The Progress Kindergarten, constructed in 1953, at 11 Brown Avenue, Ascot Vale is significant. It is a simple gabled building clad in weatherboards and rendered cement sheet, with weatherboards used in the gable ends. The symmetrical facade has large square windows on either side of the double entry doors, which have the 'Progress Kindergarten' sign in raised letters above. There are further large square windows in the front and side elevations and smaller windows with horizontal glazing bars in the rear section.

Non-original alterations and additions and other buildings on the site are not significant.

### **How is it significant?**

The Progress Kindergarten is of local historic, architectural and social significance to the City of Moonee Valley.

### **Why is it significant?**

It is historically significant for its association with the Free Kindergarten movement and with the significant expansion of free kindergartens that occurred in the post-war period. It is also significant as a representative example of the simply designed kindergartens erected by local committees in the post-war period, which are often simple gabled timber buildings with large square windows. The economical design of the kindergartens reflect postwar building restrictions as well the limited resources of the local committees that established them. (Criteria A & D)

It is socially significant as a building that has been used as a child care centre since 1953. (Criterion G)

## **Theme**

### 8. Building community life

Heritage Study/Consultant	Moonee Valley - Moonee Valley Heritage Study, Context Pty Ltd, 2015, 2015; Moonee Valley - City of Moonee Valley Stage 1 Heritage Gap Study, Context PL, 2013;
Construction dates	1950,
Other Names	infant welfare,
Hermes Number	196185
Property Number	

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## **Physical Description 1**

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The building is in good condition. The window frames have been replaced, but the format/size appears to be about the same as on the original plans.

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