
Xavier College - South And West Wings, And Great Hall



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Location

135 Barkers Road KEW, Boroondara City

Municipality

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Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO4

Heritage Listing

Boroondara City

Statement of Significance

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The South Wing, West Wing and Great Hall at Xavier College are of significance as a group of three substantially intact, commandingly designed educational buildings of the nineteenth century that apart from their architectural distinction, have become a Kew landmark.

Heritage Study/Consultant	Boroondara - City of Kew Urban Conservation Study, Pru Sanderson Design Pty Ltd, 1988;
Architect/Designer	Kelly, TA, Tappin, Gilbert & Dennehy,
Hermes Number	22340
Property Number	

Physical Description 1

The foundation stone of the first section of Xavier College was laid in December 1872 [8] and by December 1876 the *Australasian Sketcher* reported that the building was well in the course of erection' [9], J. Nation and Co. were the contractors for the building [10] and Bishop Goold opened the school on Sunday 10 February 1878 [11]. During the 1880s extensive additions and completion of works were undertaken [12].

The school has four buildings of historic note: the Chapel (q.v.), the South Wing, West Wing and Great Hall. They command the hill on which they stand. The South Wing was the earliest, built in 1872, and is a fine cement rendered pavilioned two storeyed structure with cast iron verandahs set between the gabled pavilions. The West Wing was built in 1888, and is quite a formidable three storeyed block clad in ruled render. The Great Hall was built in 1889-90 and is built in brick and embellished with panelling to the ceiling and stained glass windows. Detailed research into these buildings would be warranted. College of St Francis Xavier, Kew. NB; Towers not built (*illustrated Australian News*, 18 June 1872)

References --

- 1 Architects' Index, University of Melbourne, H.B.C. Nomination 1982
- 2 *ibid.*, Kelly was the architect for the earlier section
- 3 *ibid.*, Tappin, Gilbert and Dennehy completed work in the 1880s
- 4 *ibid.*
- 5 *Australasian Sketcher*, 28 October 1876,p.122
- 6 *ibid.*
- 7 Rogers, D., *A History of Kew*, p.142
- 8 Architects'Index

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