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# ST COLUMBA'S CONVENT AND LADIES COLLEGE



Sisters of Charity Convent Building & Chapel.JPG



Essendon Conservation Study 1985

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## Location

2 LESLIE ROAD, and 10-12 STANLEY STREET, ESSENDON, MOONEE VALLEY CITY

## Municipality

MOONEE VALLEY CITY

## Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO43

## Heritage Listing

Moonee Valley City

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## Statement of Significance

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Architecturally, an externally original, large and uncommon form (two-level arcade) of a common pastoral villa style (Italian Renaissance): other examples of which may be seen at Kew Heidelberg and Hawthorn (see also Resurrection House, 6 Aberfeldie Street) also part of the Riverview Est. Precinct: of regional importance.

Historically, a large prominent example of the pastoral era in Essendon, reinforced by its proximity to the contemporary Lowther Hall (qv), also the home of a figure typically linked with primary production (Gillespie) and

a further example of the acquisition of 19th century villas by the Catholic Church late last and early this century: of local importance and regional interest.

Heritage Study/Consultant	Moonee Valley - Essendon Conservation Study, Graeme Butler, 1985;
Construction dates	1882,
Other Names	House,
Hermes Number	23955
Property Number	

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## Physical Description 1

A two-storeyed unpainted stuccoed brick (former) house with a two-level returned arcaded verandah, a slated hipped roof and a central, gabled two-storey porch. Rusticated pilasters mark the imposition of trabeation upon the arcaded structure whilst gently tapered Tuscan order pilasters frame the entrance to the verandah. Cement balustrading, shallow ground-level window bays, deeply bracketed eaves and (despite the central porch), a well recessed side entrance, are notable aspects of the building. Some mature exotics give subtle evidence of the original grounds.

## Integrity

A chapel wing has been added in a sympathetic, if not matching manner, to the south, whilst the rear wing appears to have been extended west. Generally unsympathetic additions have been made to the north and south-east corners of the original building.

Driveways have been hard-paved and what was presumably a timber picket perimeter fence, replaced. Details such as roof gutters, have been replaced with new profiles.

## Physical Description 2

### Streetscape

A large complex, with adjoining open space, is dissimilar to this century's adjoining residential development, but linked with nearby Lowther Hall, provide highly visible elements of the 19th century pastoral-residential era, and reinforce the compact selection of the individually important buildings in Leslie Road. (Refer Riversview Est. Precinct)

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