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## HO71 - Melton South State School No. 3717



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### Location

34-46 Exford Road MELTON SOUTH, Melton Shire

### Municipality

MELTON CITY

### Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

### Heritage Overlay Numbers

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### Heritage Listing

Melton City

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### Statement of Significance

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The Melton South State School No.3717, 34-46 Exford Road, Melton South, is significant for its associations with the development of State education in this area of Melton. Built in 1923, the original school building also has significance as an example of a modest interwar school design, and while it has been substantially extended and altered, the original form and design is clearly discernible.

The original building of the Melton South State School No.3737, 34-46 Exford Road, is architecturally significant at a LOCAL level (AHC D.2). Although extended and altered, it still demonstrates some original design qualities

for an interwar school building. These qualities include the broad gable roof form, together with the minor gable that projects at the front. Other intact or appropriate qualities include the asymmetrical composition, single storey height, face brick wall construction, galvanised corrugated steel roof cladding, wide eaves, decorative gable infill (timber brackets, panelling and timber battening and the timber lattice ventilators), small timber framed windows on the front gable (currently boarded over) with concrete lintels and sills, and the 'Melton South School No.3717' title panel between these windows.

The Melton South State School No.3717, 34-46 Exford Road, is historically significant at a LOCAL level (AHC A4). It is an expression of the State primary school system, and of the formation of the 'Melton Railway Station' community at the time, and of its efforts to have a purpose-built school for their children. With the railway station building itself, it is the only remaining early public building remaining in Melton South.

The Melton South State School No.3717, 34-46 Exford Road, is socially significant at a LOCAL level (AHC G1). It is recognised and valued by the Melton South community for educational reasons.

Overall, the Melton South State School No. 3717, 34-46 Exford Road, is of LOCAL significance.

Heritage Study/Consultant	Melton - Shire of Melton Heritage Study phase 2, David Maloney, David Rowe, Pamela Jellie, Sera Jane Peters, 2007;
Construction dates	1923,
Other Names	Formerly known as 'Melton Railway School', 34-46 Exford Road, Melton South,
Hermes Number	30090
Property Number	

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## Physical Description 1

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The Melton South State School No. 3717 building, 34-46 Exford Road, Melton South, is set on a large site with open grassed areas, garden beds bordered by bluestones, and large expanses of asphalt paving. The original building is situated to one end of the school complex.

The asymmetrical, single storey, face brick, interwar original building of the Melton South State School is characterised by a broad gable roof form, together with a minor gable that projects at the front. Late skillion and flat roofed additions interrupt the original design composition at the front, although these original gable forms are clearly discernible. These original roof forms are clad in galvanised corrugated steel. Wide overhangs are features of the eaves.

A particular early feature of the design is the decorative gable infill, including the timber brackets, panelling and timber battening and the timber lattice ventilators. Other early features include the small timber framed windows on the front gable (currently boarded over) with concrete lintels and sills, and the "Melton South School No. 3717" title panel between these windows.

## Historical Australian Themes

*Melton Historical Themes: 'Community'*

## Integrity

Integrity - Substantially altered

## **Physical Conditions**

Physical Condition - Good

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