
ALLAMBEE SOUTH STATE SCHOOL NO.3075 (FORMER)



Allambee South State School image2

Location

55 MIRBOO-YARRAGON ROAD, ALLAMBEE SOUTH, SOUTH GIPPSLAND SHIRE

Municipality

SOUTH GIPPSLAND SHIRE

Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO24

Heritage Listing

South Gippsland Shire

Statement of Significance

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What is significant?

The former Allambee South State School No. 3075, designed by the Public Works Department and constructed in 1936, and the Cupressus Macrocarpa hedge at 55 Mirboo-Yarragon Road, Allambee South. In June 1937 a shelter shed was added along with a fenced off area for a pony paddock, and on Arbor Day, July 1937, a basket picnic was held along with the planting of eighty cypress trees around the perimeter of the school grounds to form a hedge.

How is it significant?

The former Allambee South Primary School No. 3075 is of local historic, social and architectural significance to the district of Allambee South.

Why is it significant?

Historically and socially, as the only remaining example of the schools that erected in the Allambee district it is important in demonstrating their important role in the development of the area. Although it is no longer used as school it continues to play an important role as community meeting place and is a focal part of the identity of Allambee district. (Criteria A, B & G)

Architecturally, as an intact example of the 'Watchupga' type, which heralded the appearance of the international modern style in one-room school design in Victoria. It is also of interest as one of the smallest surviving one-room schools in the Shire. (Criterion D)

The Monterey Cypress hedge is significant for its associations with Arbor Day, and provides a related setting for the school building. (Criteria A & E)

Heritage Study/Consultant	South Gippsland - South Gippsland Heritage Study, David Helms with Trevor Westmore, 2004;
Construction dates	1936, 1936, 1936,
Architect/Designer	Everett, Percy, Coney, CH, Public Works Department,
Other Names	Allambee Community Centre,
Hermes Number	30355
Property Number	

Physical Description 1

The former Allambee South State School No. 3075 is a small one-room timber school, clad in weatherboards with a hip roof.

The most notable feature is the pair of corner windows with horizontal glazing bars in the east elevation, which demonstrate the "Moderne" influence upon school design during the interwar period. It is very small with dimensions of only 21' 6" x 18', which makes it one of the smallest of the extant one-room schools in the Shire.

There are a number of contemporary outbuildings including a shelter shed and toilets and the entire complex is enclosed by a stand of mature Monterey Cypresses (*Cupressus Macrocarpa*).

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