St Stephen's Church

158 Balaclava Rd Caulfield,
August 1994

Location

158 Balaclava Road CAULFIELD NORTH, Glen Eira City

Municipality

GLEN EIRA CITY

Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO08

Heritage Listing

Glen Eira City

Statement of Significance

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St Stephens has architectural importance as a noteworthy example of a Gothic Transitional design in the Arts and Crafts eclectic manner (see Stylistic Typology in National Trust's Historic Church's Study). The facade treatment successfully combines Christian symbols with Gothic forms in the Arts and Crafts mode (comparable with Haddon's Presbyterian Church, Malvern (1906) and Haddon and Henderson's Oakleigh Church (1928). It is locally important as an example of Robert Haddon's work in Caulfield, where he also lived (4 Glenferrie St q.v.).

Heritage Study/Consultant	Glen Eira - Caulfield Conservation Study, Andrew Ward, Architectural Historian, 1994;
Other Names	"St Stephens Church", formerly Presbyterian, now Uniting,
Hermes Number	42413
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Physical Description 1

A red brick and stuccoed Arts and Crafts influenced inter-war church, symmetrical and cruciform on plan with pillared and gable roofed porches flanking the facade. The facade skilfully combines the elements of a cross, in cement, buttresses and tall thin windows into an integrated composition, enriched by Gothic ornamentation but eschewing conventional forms. The picturesque and flared roofs have terra cotta shingles whilst the sides of the nave use more stereotyped Gothic enrichment.

Inside, the timber lined ceiling is a noteworthy element.

Physical Description 2

Integrity: Good, includes brick and iron fence

Physical Description 3

Condition: good

Historical Australian Themes

Worship: Presbyterian (Uniting), Caulfield as a pre-eminent inter-war suburb. Architects well represented locally: Robert Haddon

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