
TYRENDARRA STATE SCHOOL NO. 1630 (FORMER)



52580 SS 1630 Tyrendarra

Location

125 TYRENDARRA SCHOOL ROAD, TYRENDARRA, GLENELG SHIRE

Municipality

GLENELG SHIRE

Level of significance

Recommended for Heritage Overlay

Heritage Listing

Glenelg Shire

Statement of Significance

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What is Significant?

The Tyrendarra State School is located at the corner of Tyrendarra School Road and Morton's Quarry Road, Tyrendarra, approximately one kilometre south of Tyrendarra Township. The school is a small timber building with a steep gable roof, a porch to the west, a verandah to the north and an additional two rooms to the east. The school was begun in 1875 on land donated by land owner, Samuel Brownlaw. A number of large families begun to settle in the area after the first subdivision of land in 1863 and the school was required to educate children in the area. The first Head Teacher was Thomas G. Patterson who stayed at the school from 1875 until 25 May 1881. There were around sixty students when the school opened. The two rooms at the rear were provided as a teacher's residence and this later became a lunch room for students in winter. Junior students were taught on a mezzanine level in the school room and older students on the ground floor. Some families in the district had students at the school for four generations, including the Brownlaw and Arnott families. Politicians Winston Turnbull, M.H.R. and D.L. Arnott, M.L.C. attended the school in their youth. The school was closed after 1973 and

is now a private residence.

How is it Significant?

The Tyrendarra State School is of historical and social significance to the Glenelg Shire.

Why is it Significant?

The Tyrendarra State School is of historical significance because it is evidence of the large number of settlers and their families in the Tyrendarra district from 1875 for over one hundred years. It is of further historical significance as one of the earliest State Schools in the area. It shows the importance of education for the pioneering families in the shire. It is of social significance as a focus of the community and for its association with the farming families of the shire over 100 years.

Heritage Study/Consultant	Glenelg - Glenelg Shire Heritage Study Part One, Carlotta Kellaway, David Rhodes Mandy Jean, 2002; Glenelg - Glenelg Heritage Study Stage Two (a), Heritage Matters, 2006;
Other Names	STATE SCHOOL NO. 1630 (and NO. 489?),
Hermes Number	52580
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Usage/Former Usage

School, now a private residence

Physical Description 1

The church is a small timber building in a Gothic style. The building has a rectangular plan with an entrance porch to the west. The building runs on an east-west axis. The steep gable roof is made of corrugated iron and has a pointed timber finial on each end of the ridge. The roof and guttering are in poor condition. The timber is painted pale blue.

The front west wall of the school building has a small porch on the north side and two rectangular timber windows together on the south side. These windows have the top panel with three long panes and a double hung sash window below with 12 panes. The porch has a gable roof of corrugated iron. There is a name plate stating "SS 1630/ Tyrendarra" and a small window of four panes on the west wall of the porch. At the centre of the front gable, the original window to the mezzanine level has been replaced. The windows now have one square pane and two rectangular sidelight panes with a sunrise window above. There was a gallery or mezzanine level inside the main school room. On the south wall of the porch, there is a full length window of fifteen panes, where the front door would have been.

Along the north wall of the building, there is a verandah with a corrugated iron roof and timber posts. At the rear of the building, a Teacher's Residence was added consisting of two rooms with a gable roof, lower than the main building. The south wall has four double hung sash windows with two in the main building and two in the living area.

Physical Conditions

Fair condition.

Historical Australian Themes

5. WORKING

5.1: Working in harsh conditions

6. EDUCATING

6.2: Establishing schools

6.3: Training people for the workplace

6.5: Educating people in remote places

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