
Victorian School For Deaf Children



B2451 Victorian School for Deaf Children,

Location

583 - 597 St Kilda Road,, MELBOURNE VIC 3004 - Property No B2451

Municipality

MELBOURNE CITY

Level of significance

State

Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

H2122

Heritage Listing

National Trust

Statement of Significance

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This building is socially and historically significant at state level because the Victorian School for Deaf Children (originally known as the Deaf and Dumb Institution), has played a pioneering role in the history of the welfare of the deaf in Victoria.

The school was erected between 1866 and 1871 to educate the many children who suffered deafness through the high incidence of disease and accident in the infant colony of Victoria. The development of the school is associated with the growth of many important Melbourne educational and social welfare institutions established in

the two decades following the population explosion of the gold rush.

The school has architectural significance as an imposing design in the institutional Early English Gothic Style and is a major work of the notable architects Crouch and Wilson, who were among the most prolific Melbourne nineteenth century architectural practitioners and designed other important Victorian buildings such as the Methodist Ladies' College, the Prahran Town Hall, the Homeopathic (later Prince Henry's) Hospital, the Royal Victorian Institute for the Blind and numerous Presbyterian and Wesleyan churches.

The Victorian School for the Deaf, the neighbouring Wesley College, and the Royal Victorian Institute for the Blind all have extensive grounds facing St Kilda Road and form a significant part of the St Kilda Road Streetscape.

Classified: 12/12/1990

Other Names Former Deaf and Dumb Institution, Former Deaf Children Australia, Royal Institute for the Deaf,

Hermes Number 65635

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