
State School No. 1136, 61 Concongella School Road, CONCONGELLA



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Location

61 Concongella School Road CONCONGELLA, NORTHERN GRAMPIANS SHIRE

Municipality

NORTHERN GRAMPIANS SHIRE

Level of significance

Recommended for Heritage Overlay

Heritage Listing

Northern Grampians Shire

Statement of Significance

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The Concongella Primary School, 61 Concongella School Road, Concongella, has significance as an important educational centre in the local community, and as a predominantly intact example of a Victorian Board Education School style. Built in 1872 by Cardwell and Giles and largely following the Victorian Board's 'Suggested Plan No. VIII', the building appears to be in fair to good condition when viewed from a distance.

The Concongella Primary School is **architecturally** significant at **LOCAL** level. Although the building has experienced some changes, it still demonstrates original design qualities of a Victorian Board of Education style, based on suggested plan no. VIII. These qualities include the 301 x 181 plan dimensions, and the parapeted

gable roof form. Other intact or appropriate qualities include the face brick wall construction, galvanised corrugated iron roof cladding, galvanised ventilation stacks, centrally located brick chimney at the side, shallow-arched multi-paned timber framed double hung windows, buttress-like brick pilasters, oculus ventilator in the gable end and the skillion form of the verandah porch.

The Concongella Primary School is **historically** significant at a **LOCAL** level. It is associated with the development of the Concongella State School No. 1136 from 1872 until the present day (2003). It also has associations with the original builders, Cardwell and Giles, and Henry Hayden as the first Head Teacher (1872-1878). The design of the school is also associated with the Board of Education's standardised design approach - particularly its "Suggested Plan No. VIII" - which had originated from the established standardised plans of the English Committee of Council of Education of 1851. The building has further associations as the location of Federal, State and Local Government elections and associated polling vents, social evenings (including dances), meetings, concerts and church services.

The Concongella Primary School is **socially** significant at a **LOCAL** level. It is recognised and highly valued by the local community for educational and cultural reasons.

Overall, the Concongella Primary School is of **LOCAL** significance.

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Physical Description 1

The Concongella Primary School, 61 Concongella School Road, Concongella, has a rural setting consisting of 2.5 acres. The original brick school building is centrally located, with more recent portable classrooms nearby, together with toilet facilities and other outbuildings. There is an open concrete area at the front, together with gravelled carparking, while to the rear of the building is an open grassed playground bound by perimeter eucalypts.

The single storey, face brick, Victorian Board of Education styled building is characterised by an original parapeted gable roof form, together with an altered early skillion verandah porch. These roof forms are clad in galvanised corrugated iron, the school building has early galvanised ventilation stacks, and a side, centrally located brick chimney which adorns the roofline. Narrow overhangs are features of the eaves.

Other early features of the design include the shallow-arched timber framed multi-paned double hung windows, and projecting brick buttress-like pilasters. There is also an early oculus ventilation opening in the gable end.

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