
Deer Park Primary School No.1434



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School.jpg

Location

Ballarat Road; Station Road, DEER PARK VIC 3023 - Property No 78

Municipality

BRIMBANK CITY

Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO84

Heritage Listing

Brimbank City

Statement of Significance

Last updated on - January 1, 2000

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Deer Park Primary School is of local historical and social significance as a long-lived school which developed to serve the somewhat impoverished nineteenth century local rural community, and greatly expanded to serve new families in the growing suburbs created by post war immigration.

Heritage Study/Consultant	Brimbank - Brimbank City Council Post-contact Cultural Heritage Study, G. Vines, 2000;
Construction dates	1940, 1970,
Hermes Number	105945
Property Number	

Physical Description 1

Description

Located on the corner of Ballarat and Station Road, the present school is a combination of several periods, with the bulk reflecting late 1950s expansion using the typical 'Jennings' design low -slung linear range of buildings with large glass area. The earliest part is of red brick and stone having been constructed following a fire in 1942. This evidently re-used some of the bluestone of the original school building, as a conscious recognition of the schools heritage. This section, which is typical of the Percy Everett Public Works Department designs of the period, comprises a two-classroom building with raised lantern roof and internally-sliding panels as a room divider that can be raised into the ceiling space to create a single space. The next phase of construction came in the early 1960s with timber-framed, standard Education Department design, at one stage including early portable class rooms, later removed, or incorporated into purpose-built additions. This runs along a long central corridor with the 1940s building at the eastern end, forming the main entrance to the complex. In the 1980s, a brick multi-purpose class room was added in the latest wave of building. The grounds include some plantings from early 20th century date (sugar gums - heavily lopped), a large peppercorn tree, *Schinus molle* var. *aveira.*, very likely contemporaneous with the original 1870s school, and more recent native plantings from the 1970s and later.

Physical Conditions

Condition/integrity

Although the earliest building survives only as the stone in the chimney, the subsequent phases are in good condition and intact.

Intactness

Substantially intact.

Historical Australian Themes

6 Educating

6.2 Establishing schools

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