
Albion Primary School No 4265



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Site 121 - Albion Primary
school.jpg

Location

61 Adelaide Street, ALBION VIC 3020 - Property No 121

Municipality

BRIMBANK CITY

Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO122

Heritage Listing

Brimbank City

Statement of Significance

Last updated on - January 1, 2000

As the oldest surviving state school in the City of Brimbank, and the first substantial school to be built in the Sunshine area, Albion Primary School is of historical significance to the City of Brimbank. Most of the district's early schools were opened in the latter half of the 19th century, but none of these have survived. The new suburb of Albion was very much part of H.V. McKay's Sunshine. The site reflects the development of the Sunshine and Albion area following the establishment of the Sunshine Harvester Works and the other industries which concentrated around the Albion railway station, and also the effect of post-war immigration on the district. The

school has a direct connection with the fortunes of the Harvester Works, as the land was sold to the Education Department by H.V. McKay, and many of the school's pupils and parents were employed there or at one of the associated factories in the district.

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Construction dates	1926,
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Physical Description 1

This single-storey school is constructed in face red brick in a Georgian Revival style. It features a red terracotta, tiled, hipped roof with prominent porch over the main entrance in rusticated cement-rendered brickwork. Windows are double-hung sash, twelve pane. A wide-rendered band runs across the top of the wall and above the windows. In plan, the main building is a 'T' shape with the entrance at the junction of the 'T'. Administrative areas are near the entrance and class rooms run off a central corridor. The building is very similar in design to the Sunshine State School No. 3113, of 1931. Other more recent buildings, including portables, have been added to the school, but the original structure retains its integrity. The building is typical of the Georgian revival government style, practised under E. Evan Smith, Chief Architect of the Public Works Department. Planting includes: sugar gums (1920s?), Monterey cypress (2), silky oak, Kurrajong (north east), and sugar gums on the oval to the north.

Physical Conditions

Although other buildings have been added to the site, the original school building remains intact and in relatively original condition.

Intactness

Substantially intact.

Historical Australian Themes

- 6 Educating
- 6.2 Establishing schools

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