
Sunshine State Primary School 3113



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Location

69 Hampshire Road, SUNSHINE VIC 3020 - Property No 109

Municipality

BRIMBANK CITY

Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO110

Heritage Listing

Brimbank City

Statement of Significance

Last updated on - January 1, 2000

Individual place statement of significance::

The Sunshine State School is of local historical, social and architectural significance as a substantial government school, with historical connections to the beginnings of Sunshine, an industrial suburban community, and as an expression of the expansion of the suburb in the pre-World War Two period, when much of the nineteenth century infrastructure had become inadequate.

Precinct statement of significance::

This McKay housing subdivision is of national historical and social significance as a part of a suburb created by Australia's leading industrialist and as a milestone in the development of the industrial suburb under the influence of the Garden City movement. Sunshine became a yardstick for planning and housing reformers, with H.V. McKay being regarded as an expert on planned industrial housing. The McKay estate is of regional architectural significance as it marks a crucial phase in the development of Sunshine, housing the resident work force which promoted further industrial development.

The group of houses in the precinct represent the type of houses built either by or for company employees and managers during the period of H V McKay's dominance of Sunshine's economy and development. Most of the remaining commercial premises, which formed the nucleus of the suburb west of the railway line, have been included in a separate precinct centred on the corner of Sun Crescent and City Place. While a number of original houses have been demolished, the remaining stock provides a representative sample of homes that are generally typical of the period, with several distinctive architectural designs, some of which can be ascribed to J Raymond Robinson, who might be considered the defacto company architect for the McKay Sunshine Harvester Works.

Characterised generally by steep gabled corrugated iron clad roofs (with hipped roofs on some of the earliest examples), weatherboard cladding and timber trimmed verandahs, the houses are also set on generous allotments, often with deep setbacks. These elements contribute to the garden suburb character that was intended in the original town planning designs, and perpetuated in the perceptions of Sunshine's character. It should be remembered that in the early 20th century, Sunshine's generous suburban estates were atypical of working class housing of the period.

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Hermes Number	106132
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Physical Description 1

Description

The Sunshine Primary School comprises a main building in Georgian revival style with cement-rendered porch entry. The large red brick building has a hipped roof of terracotta tiles with overhanging eaves and brick chimney. The distinctive front entrance features a triple-arched projecting porch, framed in rusticated rendered pillars with a prominent cornice above. On the upper level, similar rendered, rusticated pilasters frame the windows, and this triple window theme is repeated around the building, simplified with recessed, flat rendered panels beneath the timber sashes with multiple small panes. On the sides and rear, the rendered panels are omitted. A rendered band runs along the top of the wall just below the eaves and extends down about half a metre to the height of the top sash of the main windows, and the lintels of the smaller windows that serve the stairs and utility rooms. Later additions to the school include weatherboard shelter sheds and storage buildings, and portable classrooms.

Physical Conditions

Condition/integrity

In good condition and substantially intact. Modern portable classrooms and utility buildings have been added to the site to the east - partly at the expense of some of the original grounds and landscaping.

Intactness

Substantially intact.

Historical Australian Themes

6 Educating

6.2 Establishing schools

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